

RAC AGENDA – April 2021

Electronic Meetings Only



1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
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2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair
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- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
5. Buck Deer Permit Recommendations for 2021
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
6. Bull Elk and Buck Pronghorn Permit Recommendations for 2021
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
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- Riley Peck, OIAL Species Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
8. Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2021
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
9. 2021 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator **ACTION**
10. Conservation Permit Rule Amendments
- Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief **ACTION**

CR RAC – April 6th, 6:00 PM
<https://youtu.be/Hrdq1I2Smz0>

SER RAC – April 14th, 6:30 PM
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NR RAC – April 7th, 6:00 PM
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NER RAC – April 15th, 6:00 PM
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SR RAC – April 13th, 6:00 PM
<https://youtu.be/kQWAMxEHLEg>

Board Meeting – April 29th, 9:00 AM
https://youtu.be/S7T2dcO_6n4

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¹ Utah Code Section 52-4-207(4).

² Executive Order Suspending the Enforcement of Provisions of Utah Code §§ 52-4-202 and 52-4-207, and Related State Agency Orders, Rules, and Regulations, Due to Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel, March 18, 2020.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 18, 2021

To: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator

Subject: Overview of 2021 buck deer permit recommendations

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2021 buck deer hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2020 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition.

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Below is a summary of the **2021 big game permit recommendations**:

- 1) For general-season deer hunting, we manage a total of 29 hunting units. There are 19 units with a post-season objective of 18-20 bucks per 100 does and 10 units with an objective of 15-17 bucks per 100 does. For 2021, we are recommending permit increases on 4 units, no changes on 9 units, and permit decreases on the remaining 16 units. Statewide, we are recommending 74,775 general-season permits, which is a 4,900-permit decrease compared to last year.
- 2) Utah's premium limited-entry deer units — Henry Mtns and Paunsaugunt — are managed for older bucks (the management objective requires at least 40% of the harvested bucks should be five years or older). For 2021, we recommend no changes in permits on either the Henry Mtns (49 permits, three-year average of bucks five years or older is 55%) or the Paunsaugunt (135 permits, three-year average of bucks five years or older is 66%).



- 3) Premium limited-entry deer units are managed for 40-55 bucks per 100 does post-season. For 2021, we recommend no management buck permits on the Henry Mtns (three-year average is 38 bucks per 100 does) and a reduction in management buck permits on the Paunsaugunt from 31 to 15 permits (three-year average is 44 bucks per 100 does). We recommend a reduction in Paunsaugunt cactus buck permits for 2021, from 33 to 30 permits.
- 4) We recommend five permits per unit on the three Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun (HAMS) units, for a total of 15 permits.
- 5) We recommend reducing 141 limited-entry deer permits, decreasing from 1,455 permits to 1,314 permits.



2021 DEER HERD STATUS AND ANTLERLESS PERMIT F					Updated 3/09/2021		
	Plan	Population	Population	Population	2019	2020	2021
	Population	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Antlerless	Antlerless	Rec. Antlerless
Unit Name	Objective	post-2018	post-2019	post-2020	Permits	Permits	Permits
Box Elder	20,000	16,000	10,200	10,100	60	60	60
Cache	25,000	20,800	14,350	14,300	0	0	0
Ogden	11,000	8,300	8,800	8,600	0	0	0
Morgan-South Rich	16,000	13,000	11,600	10,000	0	0	0
East Canyon	13,500	16,600	12,000	12,800	500	350	300
Chalk Creek	12,000	14,700	10,000	9,100	300	150	50
Kamas	8,000	9,100	7,800	7,400	0	0	0
North Slope	10,000	8,600	6,350	5,800	50	50	0
South Slope, Yellowstone	11,000	9,800	7,000	7,700	0	100	200
South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Vernal	13,000	11,900	8,850	9,200	0	0	0
Book Cliffs	9,000	5,500	4,500	4,500	0	0	0
Nine Mile	8,500	7,400	6,900	6,800	75	70	85
San Rafael		0	1,000	1,000	0	0	0
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	8,000	5,500	5,100	6,500	0	0	0
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0	0
San Juan, Abajo	13,500	11,600	9,400	11,000	30	20	10
San Juan, Elk Ridge	2,000	900	600	750	0	0	0
Henry Mtns	2,700	1,600	1,000	900	0	0	0
Central Mtns, Manti	28,000	25,700	24,400	23,300	0	0	0
Central Mtns, Nebo	14,000	14,600	14,200	12,500	0	0	0
Wasatch Mtns, West	22,600	23,000	21,900	22,600	50	50	0
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	17,000	14,300	11,800	13,700	0	0	0
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	4,000	3,900	3,300	3,800	0	0	0
Oquirrh-Stansbury	11,600	13,600	9,900	10,000	50	50	25
West Desert	11,200	11,200	9,000	8,000	0	0	0

Southwest Desert	3,500	3,000	3,000	2,900	55	25	15
Fillmore	9,600	8,800	6,700	6,500	0	0	15
Beaver	14,000	13,750	12,000	10,300	50	25	10
Monroe	7,000	6,300	5,400	5,200	100	50	50
Mt Dutton	3,200	3,050	2,500	2,200	50	25	10
Plateau, Fishlake	7,000	6,300	5,100	4,900	0	0	0
Plateau, Thousand Lakes	1,400	1,150	1,000	850	0	0	0
Plateau, Boulder	8,500	7,200	6,600	6,350	200	0	0
Kaiparowits		400	400	400	0	0	0
Paunsaugunt	6,500	5,600	5,200	5,400	0	0	0
Panguitch Lake	11,000	11,700	10,500	10,100	150	10	10
Zion	19,000	19,900	19,200	18,000	80	0	0
Pine Valley	19,500	19,800	19,700	19,500	420	140	95
STATEWIDE TOTALS	404,900	376,450	319,150	314,850	2,220	1,175	935

General Season Buck Deer	Buck:doe	Buck:doe	Buck:doe	2018-2020	B:D Objective	2019 Permits	2020 Permits	2021 Recomend
Archery, Any Legal Weapon, Muzzleloader	2018	2019	2020	3_yr_avg				Permits
Beaver	15	15	13	15	18-20	3,000	2,100	1,400
Box Elder	16	14	17	16	15-17	4,200	3,700	3,700
Cache	20	14	15	16	15-17	6,600	5,000	5,000
Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	17	16	16	16	15-17	8,100	8,100	8,100
Central Mtns, Nebo	16	16	12	15	15-17	4,100	4,100	3,800
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	33	26	23	27	18-20	9,000	8,100	8,100
Fillmore	18	14	19	17	18-20	2,250	1,200	1,200
Kamas	24	20	19	21	18-20	3,800	3,300	2,800
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	17	17	22	19	15-17	1,600	1,200	1,400
Monroe	17	17	17	17	18-20	1,100	900	750
Mt Dutton	17	17	12	15	18-20	675	550	225
Nine Mile	26	19	19	21	18-20	1,650	1,650	1,650
North Slope	20	18	18	18	18-20	3,100	2,800	2,400
Ogden	20	16	19	19	18-20	2,500	2,300	2,500
Oquirrh-Stansbury	19	17	22	19	15-17	3,200	2,000	2,300
Panguitch Lake	16	15	13	15	18-20	2,800	2,200	1,200
Pine Valley	24	21	21	22	18-20	4,500	4,500	4,100
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	13	13	15	14	18-20	1,700	1,200	825
Plateau, Fishlake	18	17	17	18	18-20	1,100	950	800
Plateau, Thousand Lakes	26	14	15	18	18-20	300	250	225
San Juan, Abajo Mtns	18	14	20	17	18-20	2,750	2,050	2,200
South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	23	14	12	16	15-17	1,675	1,500	1,200
South Slope, Yellowstone	22	20	21	21	18-20	1,750	1,575	1,400
Southwest Desert	21	20	20	20	18-20	800	800	650
Wasatch Mtns, East	19	19	18	19	18-20	4,250	4,250	4,250
Wasatch Mtns, West	16	16	16	16	15-17	8,100	8,100	8,100
West Desert, Tintic	—	—	—	—	15-17	900	900	900
West Desert, West	—	—	—	—	15-17	600	600	500
Zion	23	19	19	20	18-20	3,800	3,800	3,100
TOTAL						89,900	79,675	74,775

2021 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY DEER PERMITS

PREMIUM LIMITED ENTRY BUCK DEER

HUNT #	HUNT NAME/WEAPON	2020 Permits			2021 Recomend Permit		
	Henry Mtns	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1000	Archery	9	1	10	9	1	10
DB1003	Any Weapon	24	3	27	24	3	27
DB1005	Muzzleloader	9	1	10	9	1	10
DB1007	Multi-Season	2	0	2	2	0	2
	Total	44	5	49	44	5	49
	Paunsaugunt						
DB1001	Archery	24	3	27	24	3	27
DB1004	Any Weapon	69	8	77	69	8	77
DB1006	Muzzleloader	24	3	27	24	3	27
DB1008	Multi-Season	4	0	4	4	0	4
	Total	121	14	135	121	14	135
	Antelope Island						
DB1002	Any Weapon	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	1	0	1	1	0	1

MANAGEMENT BUCK HUNT

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2020 Permits			2021 Permits		
	Paunsaugunt	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1073	Archery	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1074	Muzzleloader	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1010	Any Weapon	19	2	21	4	1	5
	Total	27	4	31	12	3	15

CACTUS BUCK HUNT							
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2020 Permits			2021 Permits		
	Paunsaugunt	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1058	Any Weapon	30	3	33	27	3	30
	Total	30	3	33	27	3	30
LIMITED ENTRY BUCK DEER							
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2020 Permits			2021 Permits		
	Book Cliffs	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1011	Archery	70	8	78	48	5	53
DB1017	Any Weapon, North	150	17	167	108	12	120
DB1018	Any Weapon, South	36	4	40	27	3	30
DB1025	Muzzleloader	70	8	78	48	5	53
DB1044	Multi-Season	11	1	12	7	1	8
	Total	337	38	375	238	26	264
	Cache, Crawford Mtn						
DB1026	Muzzleloader	13	2	15	13	2	15
	Total	13	2	15	13	2	15
	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE						
DB1012	Archery	6	1	7	7	1	8
DB1019	Any Weapon	19	2	21	21	2	23
DB1029	Muzzleloader	6	1	7	7	1	8
DB1045	Multi-Season	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	32	4	36	36	4	40
	La Sal, Dolores Triangle						
DB1013	Archery	4	0	4	4	0	4
DB1020	Any Weapon	10	1	11	10	1	11

DB1031	Muzzleloader	4	0	4	4	0	4
	Total	18	1	19	18	1	19
San Juan, Elk Ridge							
DB1014	Archery	10	1	11	11	1	12
DB1022	Any Weapon	28	3	31	31	3	34
DB1037	Muzzleloader	10	1	11	11	1	12
DB1046	Multi-Season	2	0	2	2	0	2
	Total	50	5	55	55	5	60
South Slope, Diamond Mtn							
DB1015	Archery	17	2	19	17	2	19
DB1023	Any Weapon	49	5	54	49	5	54
DB1038	Muzzleloader	17	2	19	17	2	19
DB1047	Multi-Season	3	0	3	3	0	3
	Total	86	9	95	86	9	95
Vernon							
DB1016	Archery	41	5	46	41	5	46
DB1024	Any Weapon	118	13	131	118	13	131
DB1042	Muzzleloader	41	5	46	41	5	46
DB1048	Multi-Season	6	1	7	6	1	7
	Total	206	24	230	206	24	230

These permits can be recommended up to .5% of the total GS permits for the unit

LATE SEASON MUZZLELOADER HUNTS		2020 Permits			2021 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1059	Beaver	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1077	Box Elder	16	2	18	16	2	18
DB1078	Cache	4	1	5	4	1	5

DB1079	Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	22	3	25	22	3	25
DB1080	Central Mtns, Nebo	18	2	20	17	2	19
DB1027	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morg	36	4	40	36	4	40
DB1028	Fillmore	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1030	Kamas	14	2	16	13	1	14
DB1081	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	5	1	6	6	1	7
DB1032	Monroe	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1053	Mt Dutton	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1033	Nine Mile	7	1	8	7	1	8
DB1065	North Slope	13	1	14	11	1	12
DB1054	Ogden	10	1	11	11	1	12
DB1082	Oquirrh-Stansbury	9	1	10	11	1	12
DB1083	Panguitch Lake	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1034	Pine Valley	20	2	22	18	2	20
DB1084	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1055	Plateau, Fishlake	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1036	Plateau, Thousand Lakes	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1085	San Juan, Abajo Mtns	10	1	11	10	1	11
DB1086	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	7	1	8	5	1	6
DB1039	South Slope, Yellowstone	7	1	8	6	1	7
DB1040	Southwest Desert	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1041	Wasatch Mtns, East	19	2	21	19	2	21
DB1087	Wasatch Mtns, West	36	4	40	36	4	40
DB1088	West Desert, Tintic	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1089	West Desert, West	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1043	Zion	17	2	19	14	1	15
	Total	314	43	357	306	41	347
HAMS HUNTS		2020 Permits			2021 Permits		
	HUNT NAME (HAMS)	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1090	Book Cliffs, Floy Canyon	4	1	5	4	1	5

DB1091	Kaiparowits	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1092	Morgan-South Rich	4	1	5	4	1	5
	Total	12	3	15	12	3	15



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Below is a summary of the **2021 bull elk and buck pronghorn permit recommendations**:

- 1) We recommend 15,000 spike elk permits and 17,500 any bull permits, as defined in the statewide elk plan.
- 2) We recommend no changes to the number of youth any bull elk permits (500 permits).
- 3) We recommend adding 41 limited-entry bull elk permits, increasing from 2,948 permits to 2,989 permits. This increase is primarily from the addition 158 permits being offered in the new September archery and HAMS hunts.
- 4) We recommend adding 26 buck pronghorn permits, increasing from 1,147 permits to 1,173 permits.



2021 ELK HERD STATUS AND ANTLERLESS PERMIT RECS

Unit	Plan	Pop.	Pop.	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	Population	Estimate	Estimate	Antlerless	Antlerless	Private Lands	Private Lands	Antlerless	Antlerless
	Objective	post-2019	post-2020	Permits	Permits	Permits	Permits	Control	Control
Box Elder	675	700	700	20	20	200	200		
Cache	2,300	2,700	3,000	730	730	320	320		
Ogden	2,000	1,600	1,750	40	40	190	220		
Morgan-South Rich	3,800	6,500	6,900	350	250	500	500	Y	Y
East Canyon	1,800	2,300	2,800	600	360	250	500	Y	Y
Chalk Creek	3,200	3,600	3,400	350	350	490	500	Y	Y
Kamas	850	700	725	225	225	0	0		
North Slope, Summit	300	300	300	150	100	0	0		
North Slope, West Daggett	1,300	650	620	60	40	40	40		
North Slope, Three Corners	700	490	550	0	0	0	0		
South Slope, Yellowstone	5,000	7,400	7,400	150	625	2,000	2,000	Y	N
South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Bonanza-Vernal^	3,000	4,200	4,000	750	630	450	650		
Book Cliffs	7,500	5,500	5,500	150	255	0	0		
Nine Mile, Anthro	700	1,100	1,100	500	500	200	200		
Nine Mile, Range Creek	1,800	1,250	2,100	0	80	0	80		
San Rafael*	0	30	25	10	5	0	0		
La Sal	2,500	2,900	2,700	500	600	60	70		
San Juan*	1,300	1,300	1,450	150	250	50	50		
Henry Mtns	0	30	25	0	0	0	0	Y	Y
Central Mtns, Manti	12,000	9,300	9,500	445	315	200	200		
Central Mtns, Nebo	1,450	1,900	1,850	230	230	100	100		
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	3,200	1,850	3,000	0	0	2,000	2,000		
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	1,800	1,900	1,900	100	150	400	400		
Wasatch Mtns, West	3,400	3,400	3,400	575	575	1,000	300		
Oquirrh-Stansbury	1,650	700	700	0	0	0	0		
West Desert*	350	400	200	75	50	75	75	Y	Y
Southwest Desert	975	1,075	975	400	100	0	0		
Beaver	1,050	1,275	1,200	450	370	80	80		
Fillmore	1,600	1,350	1,400	80	110	0	0		
Monroe	1,000-1,400	1,100	1,150	10	30	0	0		
Mt Dutton	1,500-2,000	1,050	1,250	60	60	50	50		
Plateau, Fish Lake/Thousand Lakes	5,000-5,900	4,750	5,100	110	400	0	0		
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	1,200-1,700	1,050	1,150	40	40	0	0		
Paunsaugunt	140	275	200	170	75	120	100		

Panguitch Lake	1,100-1,300	1,400	1,450	500	400	75	75		
Zion	300	475	800	60	300	340	100		
Pine Valley	50	50	50	20	20	0	0	Y	Y
STATEWIDE TOTALS	78,990	76,550	80,320	8,060	8,285	9,190	8,810		

*Anterless control permits are only on a portion of this unit

^Private lands only permits are 450 on Bonanza-Vernal and 200 on Diamond Mtn

Hunt Name	Current Objective	Age				2020	2021 Recommended
		2018	2019	2020	3 yr average		
Beaver, East	7.5-8.0	7.6	7.9	8.3	7.9	33	38
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	7.5-8.0	7	7	7	7	20	6
Fillmore, Pahvant	7.5-8.0	7.6	6.5	8.7	7.6	53	53
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	7.5-8.0	8.2	7.5	7.2	7.6	87	82
San Juan	7.5-8.0	8.3	7.6	8.1	8	68	72
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	6.5-7.0	6.4	6	5.9	6.1	125	100
Cache, Meadowville	6.5-7.0	5.1	5.5	5.3	5.3	95	60
Cache, South	6.5-7.0	5.7	5.9	6	5.9	36	36
Monroe	6.5-7.0	6.7	7.3	7.1	7	42	42
Mt Dutton	6.5-7.0	6.9	5.8	6.8	6.5	54	54
Panguitch Lake	6.5-7.0	6.1	6.7	5.7	6.2	39	39
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	6.5-7.0	7.3	6.9	7.8	7.3	56	61
Southwest Desert, South	6.5-7.0	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.2	127	111
Central Mtns, Manti	5.5-6.0	6.4	6.3	6.8	6.5	515	550
Central Mtns, Nebo	5.5-6.0	5.8	5.7	6.7	6.1	47	53
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	5.5-6.0	5	4	-	-	5	5
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	5.5-6.0	5.9	5.7	6.2	5.9	133	133
North Slope, Three Corners	5.5-6.0	4.7	6	4.8	5.2	28	25
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5.5-6.0	5.9	6	7.2	6.4	212	233
Wasatch Mtns	5.5-6.0	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.3	948	948
Box Elder, Grouse Creek	4.5-5.0	6	5.5	5.3	5.6	31	29
Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	4.5-5.0	5.3	7.7	7.2	6.7	11	16
Paunsaugant	4.5-5.0	4.8	4.8	5.4	5	85	85

2021 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2020 Permits			2021 Recommended Permits		
		Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
	Beaver, East						
EB3000	Archery	7	1	8	8	1	9
EB3024	Early Any Weapon	10	1	11	12	1	13
EB3025	Late Any Weapon	7	1	8	8	1	9
EB3077	Muzzleloader	4	1	5	5	1	6
EB3102	Multi-Season	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	29	4	33	34	4	38
	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South						
EB3001	Archery	28	3	31	22	3	25
EB3026	Early Any Weapon	39	4	43	31	3	34
EB3027	Late Any Weapon	25	3	28	21	2	23
EB3078	Muzzleloader	17	2	19	13	2	15
EB3103	Multi-Season	4	0	4	3	0	3
	Total	113	12	125	90	10	100
	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless						
EB3002	Archery	4	1	5	1	1	2
EB3028	Early Any Weapon	10	1	11	1	1	2
EB3079	Muzzleloader	3	0	3	1	0	1
EB3104	Multi-Season	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	18	2	20	4	2	6
	Box Elder, Grouse Creek						
EB3147	Early Any Weapon	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3150	Mid Any Weapon	8	1	9	7	1	8
EB3153	Muzzleloader	8	1	9	7	1	8

	Total	28	3	31	26	3	29
	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn						
EB3130	Archery	0	0	0	3	0	3
EB3031	Early Any Weapon	10	1	11	12	1	13
	Total	10	1	11	15	1	16
	Cache, Meadowville						
EB3003	Archery	22	2	24	13	1	14
EB3032	Early Any Weapon	29	3	32	19	2	21
EB3033	Late Any Weapon	20	2	22	13	1	14
EB3081	Muzzleloader	13	1	14	8	1	9
EB3105	Multi-Season	3	0	3	2	0	2
	Total	87	8	95	55	5	60
	Cache, South						
EB3005	Archery	8	1	9	8	1	9
EB3036	Early Any Weapon	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3037	Late Any Weapon	7	1	8	7	1	8
EB3083	Muzzleloader	4	1	5	4	1	5
EB3107	Multi-Season	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	32	4	36	32	4	36
	Central Mtns, Manti						
EB3006	Archery	116	13	129	123	14	137
EB3038	Early Any Weapon	132	15	147	141	16	157
EB3126	Mid Any Weapon	26	3	29	28	3	31
EB3039	Late Any Weapon	106	12	118	113	13	126
EB3084	Muzzleloader	69	8	77	75	8	83
EB3108	Multi-Season	13	2	15	14	2	16

	Total	462	53	515	494	56	550
	Central Mtns, Nebo						
EB3007	Archery	11	1	12	12	1	13
EB3040	Early Any Weapon	14	2	16	16	2	18
EB3041	Late Any Weapon	10	1	11	11	1	12
EB3085	Muzzleloader	6	1	7	7	1	8
EB3109	Multi-Season	1	0	1	2	0	2
	Total	42	5	47	48	5	53
	Fillmore, Pahvant						
EB3008	Archery	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3042	Early Any Weapon	16	2	18	16	2	18
EB3043	Late Any Weapon	11	1	12	11	1	12
EB3086	Muzzleloader	7	1	8	7	1	8
EB3110	Multi-Season	2	0	2	2	0	2
	Total	48	5	53	48	5	53
	La Sal, Dolores Triangle						
EB3044	Late Any Weapon	5	0	5	5	0	5
	Total	5	0	5	5	0	5
	La Sal, La Sal Mtns						
EB3009	Archery	30	3	33	30	3	33
EB3045	Early Any Weapon	41	5	46	41	5	46
EB3046	Late Any Weapon	27	3	30	27	3	30
EB3087	Muzzleloader	18	2	20	18	2	20
EB3111	Multi-Season	4	0	4	4	0	4
	Total	120	13	133	120	13	133

	Monroe						
EB3010	Archery	10	1	11	10	1	11
EB3047	Early Any Weapon	13	1	14	13	1	14
EB3048	Late Any Weapon	9	1	10	9	1	10
EB3088	Muzzleloader	5	1	6	5	1	6
EB3112	Multi-Season	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	38	4	42	38	4	42
	Mt Dutton						
EB3011	Archery	17	2	19	17	2	19
EB3049	Early Any Weapon	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3050	Late Any Weapon	8	1	9	8	1	9
EB3089	Muzzleloader	10	1	11	10	1	11
EB3113	Multi-Season	2	0	2	2	0	2
	Total	49	5	54	49	5	54
	North Slope, Three Corners						
EB3013	Archery	6	1	7	5	1	6
EB3053	Mid Any Weapon	14	2	16	13	1	14
EB3091	Muzzleloader	4	0	4	4	0	4
EB3115	Multi-Season	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	25	3	28	23	2	25
	Panguitch Lake						
EB3015	Archery	9	1	10	9	1	10
EB3056	Early Any Weapon	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3057	Late Any Weapon	8	1	9	8	1	9
EB3093	Muzzleloader	5	1	6	5	1	6
EB3117	Multi-Season	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	35	4	39	35	4	39

	Paunsaugunt						
EB3016	Archery	19	2	21	19	2	21
EB3058	Early Any Weapon	26	3	29	26	3	29
EB3059	Mid Any Weapon	13	1	14	13	1	14
EB3060	Late Any Weapon	4	1	5	4	1	5
EB3094	Muzzleloader	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3118	Multi-Season	3	0	3	3	0	3
	Total	77	8	85	77	8	85
	Plateau, Boulder						
EB3145	Archery	20	2	22	19	2	21
EB3148	Early Any Weapon	26	3	29	25	3	28
EB3151	Late Any Weapon	18	2	20	17	2	19
EB3154	Muzzleloader	12	1	13	11	1	12
EB3156	Multi-Season	3	0	3	2	0	2
	Total	79	8	87	74	8	82
	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes						
EB3018	Archery	48	5	53	52	6	58
EB3063	Early Any Weapon	66	7	73	71	8	79
EB3064	Mid Any Weapon	22	2	24	24	3	27
EB3065	Late Any Weapon	22	2	24	24	3	27
EB3096	Muzzleloader	29	3	32	31	4	35
EB3120	Multi-Season	5	1	6	6	1	7
	Total	192	20	212	208	25	233
	San Juan Bull Elk						
EB3019	Archery	15	2	17	16	2	18
EB3066	Early Any Weapon	21	2	23	22	3	25

September Archery Hunts		2020 Permits			2021 Recommended Permits		
HUNT #	Hunt Name	Res	Nonres	Total			
EB3131	Box Elder, Sawtooth				2	1	3
EB3132	Cache, North				16	2	18
EB3133	Nine Mile, Anthro				18	2	20
EB3134	Oquirrh-Stansbury				10	1	11
EB3135	Plateau, Barney Top/Kaiparowits				7	1	8
EB3136	Southwest Desert, North				7	1	8
EB3137	West Desert, Deep Creek				10	1	11
	Total				70	9	79
HAMS Hunts		2020 Permits			2021 Recommended Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total			
BE3138	Box Elder, Sawtooth				2	1	3
BE3139	Cache, North				16	2	18
EB3140	Nine Mile, Anthro				18	2	20
EB3141	Oquirrh-Stansbury,				10	1	11
EB3142	Plateau, Barney Top/Kaiparowits				7	1	8
EB3143	Southwest Desert, North				7	1	8
EB3144	West Desert, Deep Creek				10	1	11
	Total				70	9	79
General Season Youth Any Bull Elk Hunts		2020 Permits			2021 Permits		
HUNT #	Hunt Name	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
EB1007	Any Weapon	450	50	500	450	50	500
	Total	450	50	500	450	50	500

Hunt_name	Current Objective	Age				Permits	
		2018	2019	2020	3 yr average	2020	2021 Recommended
Beaver	2.0-3.0	3.8	4.3	4.9	4.3	29	35
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	2.0-3.0	3.3	3.3	4.4	3.7	24	34
Book Cliffs, South	2.0-3.0	3	3.4	4.1	3.5	29	29
Box Elder, Promontory	2.0-3.0	3.8	3	2.9	3.2	16	16
Box Elder, Puddle Valley	2.0-3.0	3.4	3.3	4.2	3.6	25	27
Box Elder, Snowville	2.0-3.0	3.4	3.8	4	3.7	33	38
Box Elder, West	2.0-3.0	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.7	32	37
Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	2.0-3.0			3.1	3.1	54	54
Fillmore, Oak Creek South	2.0-3.0	5	4.4	4	4.5	36	44
Kaiparowits	2.0-3.0	3	5	6	4.7	2	2
La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	2.0-3.0	3.1	4	3.7	3.6	20	20
Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	2.0-3.0	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.4	40	40
Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	2.0-3.0	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.5	74	90
Nine Mile, Range Creek	2.0-3.0	3.5	3	3.4	3.3	12	12
North Slope, Summit	2.0-3.0	6	5	3.6	4.9	8	10
North Slope, Three Corners/West Da	2.0-3.0	3.7	4	3.4	3.7	35	40
Panguitch Lake/Zion, North	2.0-3.0	3.4	3.6	4.1	3.7	34	34
Pine Valley	2.0-3.0	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	44	46
Plateau, Highlands	2.0-3.0	2.8	2.9	3.2	3	0	31
San Juan, Hatch Point	2.0-3.0	3.5	4.2	3.3	3.7	5	5
San Rafael, Desert	2.0-3.0	2.7	4.3	3.9	3.6	15	15
San Rafael, North	2.0-3.0	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.5	101	113
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	2.0-3.0	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3	51	60
South Slope, Vernal/Yellowstone	2.0-3.0	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.4	40	57
Southwest Desert	2.0-3.0	3.6	3.8	4.1	3.8	144	154
West Desert, Riverbed	2.0-3.0	3.3	3.2	4.4	3.6	35	46
West Desert, Rush Valley	2.0-3.0	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.5	20	28
West Desert, Snake Valley	2.0-3.0	3.9	4.9	4.4	4.4	46	55
143 permits for Plateau, Parker Mountain not included in 2020 total hunt canceled for 2021*					Total*	1004	1172

2021 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY PRONGHORN PERMITS

2021 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY PRONGHORN PERMITS							
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2020 Permits			2021 Recommended Permits		
		Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
	Beaver						
PB5000	Archery	6	0	6	7	0	7
PB5025	Any Weapon	21	2	23	25	3	28
	Total			29			35
	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek						
PB5001	Archery	5	0	5	6	1	7
PB5026	Any Weapon	17	2	19	24	3	27
	Total			24			34
	Book Cliffs, South						
PB5002	Archery	5	1	6	5	1	6
PB5027	Any Weapon	21	2	23	21	2	23
	Total			29			29
	Box Elder, Promontory						
PB5003	Archery	3	0	3	3	0	3
PB5028	Any Weapon	12	1	13	12	1	13
	Total			16			16
	Box Elder, Puddle Valley						
PB5004	Archery	4	1	5	4	1	5
PB5029	Any Weapon	18	2	20	20	2	22
	Total			25			27
	Box Elder, Snowville						
PB5005	Archery	6	1	7	7	1	8
PB5030	Any Weapon	23	3	26	27	3	30
	Total			33			38
	Box Elder, West						
PB5006	Archery	6	0	6	7	0	7
PB5031	Any Weapon	23	3	26	27	3	30

	Total			32			37
	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden						
PB5007	Archery	10	1	11	10	1	11
PB5022	Muzzleloader	10	1	11	10	1	11
PB5032	Any Weapon	29	3	32	29	3	32
	Total			54			54
	Fillmore, Oak Creek South						
PB5008	Archery	6	1	7	8	1	9
PB5065	Muzzleloader				8	1	9
PB5033	Any Weapon	26	3	29	23	3	26
	Total			36			44
	Kaiparowits						
PB5034	Any Weapon	2	0	2	2	0	2
	Total			2			2
	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco						
PB5009	Archery	3	1	4	4	0	4
PB5035	Any Weapon	14	2	16	14	2	16
	Total			20			20
	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt						
PB5332	Archery	7	1	8	7	1	8
PB5331	Any Weapon	29	3	32	29	3	32
	Total			40			40
	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench						
PB5011	Archery	13	2	15	16	2	18
PB5059	Muzzleloader	13	2	15	16	2	18
PB5037	Any Weapon	40	4	44	49	5	54
	Total			74			90
	Nine Mile, Range Creek						
PB5053	Archery	2	0	2	2	0	2
PB5038	Any Weapon	9	1	10	9	1	10
	Total			12			12

	North Slope, Summit						
PB5039	Any Weapon	7	1	8	9	1	10
	Total			8			10
	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett						
PB5012	Archery	6	1	7	7	1	8
PB5066	Muzzleloader				7	1	8
PB5040	Any Weapon	25	3	28	22	2	24
	Total			35			40
	Panguitch Lake/Zion, North						
PB5054	Panguitch Lake/Zion, North	6	1	7	6	1	7
PB5061	Muzzleloader	7	0	7	7	0	7
PB5041	Any Weapon	18	2	20	18	2	20
	Total			34			34
	Pine Valley						
PB5013	Archery	8	1	9	8	1	9
PB5062	Muzzleloader	8	1	9	8	1	9
PB5042	Any Weapon	23	3	26	25	3	28
	Total			44			46
	Plateau, Highlands						
PB5064	Plateau, Highlands				6	0	6
PB5067	Muzzleloader				6	0	6
PB5063	Any Weapon				17	2	19
	Total			0			31
	San Juan, Hatch Point						
PB5058	Archery	1	0	1	1	0	1
PB5044	Any Weapon	3	1	4	4	0	4
	Total			5			5
	San Rafael, Desert						
PB5055	Archery	3	0	3	3	0	3
PB5045	Any Weapon	11	1	12	11	1	12
	Total			15			15

	San Rafael, North						
PB5015	Archery	18	2	20	21	2	23
PB5056	Muzzleloader	18	2	20	21	2	23
PB5046	Any Weapon	55	6	61	61	7	68
	Total			101			114
	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn						
PB5016	Archery	9	1	10	11	1	12
PB5060	Muzzleloader	9	1	10	11	1	12
PB5047	Any Weapon	28	3	31	32	4	36
	Total			51			60
	South Slope, Vernal						
PB5017	Archery	7	1	8	10	1	11
PB5048	Any Weapon	29	3	32	41	5	46
	Total			40			57
	Southwest Desert						
PB5018	Archery	26	3	29	28	3	31
PB5024	Muzzleloader	26	3	29	28	3	31
PB5049	Any Weapon	77	9	86	83	9	92
	Total			144			154
	West Desert, Riverbed						
PB5019	Archery	6	1	7	8	1	9
PB5050	West Desert, Riverbed	25	3	28	33	4	37
	Total			35			46
	West Desert, Rush Valley						
PB5020	Archery	4	0	4	5	1	6
PB5051	Any Weapon	14	2	16	20	2	22
	Total			20			28
	West Desert, Snake Valley						
PB5021	Archery	8	1	9	10	1	11
PB5052	Any Weapon	33	4	37	40	4	44
	Total			46			55



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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 18, 2021

To: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Riley Peck, Once-In-a-Lifetime Species Coordinator

Subject: **Overview of 2021 big game and antlerless permit recommendations**

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2021 once-in-a-lifetime hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2020 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition.

The number of permits we're proposing for 2021 will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in Utah's big game management plans for harvest size, animal quality and hunting opportunity. For specific information about how individual big game species are managed, please refer to <https://wildlife.utah.gov/> and use the search field to find the statewide management plan for the species of interest.

Below is a summary of the **2021 once-in-a-lifetime species permit recommendations**:

- 1) We recommend adding 5 bull moose permits, increasing from 107 permits to 112 permits.
- 2) We recommend adding 50 bison permits from 97 permits to 147 permits.
- 3) We recommend adding 2 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permits, increasing from 65 permits to 67 permits.
- 4) We recommend adding 3 desert bighorn sheep permits, increasing from 78 permits to 81 permits.
- 5) We recommend reducing 2 mountain goat permits from 122 permits to 120 permits.



2021 RECOMMENDED ONCE IN A LIFETIME PERMITS

Bison

Any Legal Weapon Hunts		2020 Permits			20201 Recommended Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
BI6500	Antelope Island	2	0	2	2	0	2
BI6521	Book Cliffs (archery, hunter's choice)	5	0	5	4	1	5
BI6517	Book Cliffs (hunter's choice)	8	0	8	7	1	8
BI6523	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South (hunter's choice)	8	0	8	4	1	5
BI6520	Book Cliffs (cow only)	5	0	5	4	1	5
BI6519	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless (hunter's choice)	13	2	15	18	2	20
BI6524	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless (cow only)	13	2	15	18	2	20
BI6526	Book Cliffs Wild Horse Bench				2	1	3
BI6509	Henry Mtns (archery, hunter's choice)	2	1	3	4	0	4
BI6503	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)	4	1	5	15	2	17
BI6504	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)	3	1	4	15	2	17
BI6516	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)	6	1	7	13	1	14
BI6505	Henry Mtns (cow only)	10	1	11	13	1	14
BI6506	Henry Mtns (cow only)	8	1	9	12	1	13
		87	10	97	131	16	147

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Mountain Goat

Any Legal Weapon Hunts		2020 Permits			2021 Recommended Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
GO6800	Beaver (early)	8	2	10	7	2	9
GO6801	Beaver (late)	10	0	10	9	0	9
GO6803	Central Mtns, Nebo	11	1	12	11	1	12
GO6821	Central Mtns, Nebo (archery)	9	1	10	9	1	10
GO6804	Chalk Creek/Kamas, Uintas	11	1	12	11	1	12
GO6817	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	6	1	7	8	1	9
GO6814	Mt Dutton	2	0	2	2	0	2
GO6805	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	9	1	10	9	1	10
GO6815	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central (archery)	4	0	4	4	0	4
GO6806	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East	3	0	3	3	0	3
GO6807	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak	3	0	3	3	0	3
GO6808	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West	20	2	22	20	2	22
GO6810	Ogden, Willard Peak	4	1	5	3	0	3
GO6818	Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak	2	0	2	2	0	2
GO6819	Wasatch Mtns, Lone Peak	3	0	3	3	0	3
GO6813	Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak	3	0	3	3	0	3
GO6820	Wasatch Mtns, Timpanogos	4	0	4	4	0	4
Total		112	10	122	111	9	120

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Bull Moose								
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Age Objective	2018 Ages	2019 Ages	2020 Ages	3 yr Average Age	2020 Permits	2021 Rec Permits
MB6000	Cache	3.75-4.25	4.8	5.1	4.2	4.7	12	12
MB6001	Chalk Creek	3.75-4.25	3.7	4.2	3.2	3.7	3	3
MB6002	East Canyon	3.75-4.25	3	3.6	3.6	3.4	3	4
MB6003	East Canyon, Morgan-Summit	3.75-4.25	3	3.6	3.6	3.4	3	4
MB6004	Kamas	3.75-4.25	5.5	5.5	3.5	4.8	3	3
MB6005	Morgan-South Rich	3.75-4.25	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	5	5
MB6006	North Slope, Summit	3.75-4.25	4.7	5.2	6.4	5.4	14	16
MB6007	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	3.75-4.25	6	5.2	5.2	5.5	6	7
MB6008	Ogden	3.75-4.25	4.7	5.6	5.2	5.2	13	13
MB6009	South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Vernal	3.75-4.25	4	4	6	4.7	2	2
MB6010	South Slope, Yellowstone	3.75-4.25	3.3	4	5.3	4.2	4	4
MB6011	Wasatch Mtns/Central Mtns	3.75-4.25	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.9	39	39
Total							107	112

2021 RECOMMENDED ONCE IN A LIFETIME PERMITS

Bull Moose

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2020 Permits			2021 Recomend Permits		
		Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
MB6000	Cache	11	1	12	11	1	12
MB6001	Chalk Creek	3	0	3	3	0	3
MB6002	East Canyon	3	0	3	4	0	4
MB6003	East Canyon, Morgan-Summit	3	0	3	4	0	4
MB6004	Kamas	3	0	3	3	0	3
MB6005	Morgan-South Rich	5	0	5	5	0	5
MB6006	North Slope, Summit	13	1	14	14	2	16
MB6007	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	5	1	6	6	1	7
MB6008	Ogden	12	1	13	12	1	13
MB6009	South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Vernal	2	0	2	2	0	2
MB6010	South Slope, Yellowstone	4	0	4	4	0	4
MB6011	Wasatch Mtns/Central Mtns	35	4	39	35	4	39
	Total	99	8	107	103	9	112

2021 RECOMMENDED ONCE IN A LIFETIME PERMITS

Desert Bighorn Sheep

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2020 Permits			2021 Recommended Permits		
		Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DS6600	Henry Mtns	5	0	5	5	0	5
DS6601	Kaiparowits, East	8	1	9	6	2	8
DS6602	Kaiparowits, Escalante	5	0	5	8	0	8
DS6603	Kaiparowits, West	11	1	12	10	1	11
DS6604	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	5	0	5	4	0	4
DS6621	Pine Valley, Beaver Dam	3	0	3	4	0	4
DS6620	Pine Valley, Virgin River	2	0	2	2	0	2
DS6606	San Juan, Lockhart	2	0	2	3	0	3
DS6622	San Juan, North	2	0	2	3	0	3
DS6623	San Juan, San Juan River	1	0	1	1	0	1
DS6607	San Juan, South	2	0	2	2	0	2
DS6608	San Rafael, Dirty Devil	6	0	6	5	1	6
DS6624	San Rafael, Dirty Devil (archery)				2	0	2
DS6609	San Rafael, North	6	0	6	5	0	5
DS6610	San Rafael, South	9	2	11	8	2	10
DS6611	Zion (early)	2	1	3	2	1	3
DS6612	Zion (late)	4	0	4	4	0	4
	Total	73	5	78	74	7	81

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep							
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2020 Permits			2021 Recomeded Permits		
		Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
RS6701	Book Cliffs, South	4	1	5	4	1	5
RS6703	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (early)	9	0	9	8	1	9
RS6704	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (late)	6	2	8	8	0	8
RS6722	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (archery only)	4	0	4	4	0	4
RS6725	Central Mtns, Nebo	2	0	2	3	0	3
RS6720	Fillmore, Oak Creek (early)	7	0	7	7	0	7
RS6726	Fillmore, Oak Creek (late)	6	1	7	6	1	7
RS6727	Fillmore, Oak Creek (archery)				2	0	2
RS6712	Nine Mile, Gray Canyon	5	1	6	5	1	6
RS6713	Nine Mile, Jack Creek	4	0	4	3	0	3
RS6708	North Slope, Three Corners	2	0	2	2	0	2
RS6709	North Slope, SummitWest Daggett	3	0	3	3	0	3
RS6721	Oquirrh-Stansbury, West	5	0	5	5	0	5
RS6724	Wasatch Mtns, West	3	0	3	3	0	3
	Total	60	5	65	63	4	67



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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 18, 2021

To: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator

Subject: Overview of 2021 big game and antlerless permit recommendations

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2021 antlerless hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2020 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition.

The number of permits we're proposing for 2021 will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in Utah's big game management plans for harvest size, animal quality and hunting opportunity. For specific information about how individual big game species are managed, please refer to <https://wildlife.utah.gov/> and use the search field to find the statewide management plan for the species of interest.

Below is a summary of the **2021 antlerless hunt recommendations**:

- 1) In 2020, the statewide deer population decreased (by approximately 4,300 animals) to a total of 314,850 deer. This decrease was primarily due to drought conditions in spring, summer, and fall of 2020. Populations in portions of the southern, northeastern, and northern parts of the state showed the most loss.
- 2) For 2021, we recommend reducing 240 antlerless deer permits — decreasing from 1,175 permits to 935 permits — and adding two new hunts to address depredation and urban deer issues in Price and Oak City. Antlerless deer hunts are designed to reduce depredation on private lands, tackle urban deer issues, address CWD hotspots, and help slow the decline of range conditions.
- 3) Statewide, elk populations increased slightly in 2020. Antlerless permits are needed to keep elk populations within their management objectives. The statewide elk population objective is 78,990 elk, and the current statewide estimate is 80,320 elk. We recommend 8,285 antlerless elk permits for the public drawing in 2021, as compared to 8,060 permits in 2020 — an increase of 225 permits.
- 4) For the 2021 public drawing, we recommend adding 10 antlerless elk hunts.



We recommend antlerless elk-control permits on the following seven units:

- Henry Mtns
- Chalk Creek
- Morgan-South Rich
- West Desert, Vernon
- West Desert, Tintic
- East Canyon
- Pine Valley

- 5) We recommend 8,810 private-lands-only permits on 25 units throughout the state to increase harvest and hunting pressure on private lands. We recommend season dates from Aug. 1, 2020–Jan. 31, 2021. Hunters may use any legal weapon during these hunts. Private-lands-only hunts have minimized depredation challenges in many parts of the state.

Hunt units include:

- Box Elder, East
- Beaver, East
- Cache
- Central Mtns, Manti
- Central Mtns, Nebo
- Chalk Creek
- East Canyon
- North Slope, West Daggett
- Ogden
- Panguitch Lake
- Paunsaugunt
- San Juan
- San Rafael
- South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Bonanza Vernal
- South Slope, Yellowstone
- Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin
- Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek
- Wasatch Mtns, West
- West Desert, Tintic Valley
- Zion
- Fillmore, Oak Creek LE
- La Sal
- Morgan-South Rich
- Mt Dutton
- Nine Mile, Anthro

- 6) We recommend eliminating 121 doe pronghorn permits, decreasing from 525 permits to 404 permits. We also recommend adding a new hunt on the Nine Mile, Anthro-Pleasant Valley unit.
- 7) We recommend eliminating 16 antlerless moose permits, decreasing from 31 permits to 15 permits.
- 8) We recommend continuing the Rocky Mountain ewe bighorn sheep hunt on the Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtns unit, with a total of 10 permits.



2021 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNT RECOMMENDATIONS

Updated 3/04/2021

HUNT#	HUNT NAME	HUNT INFORMATION	PERMITS	SEASON DATES
DA1000	Beaver, Circleville North		10	08/02 - 08/14
DA1001	Box Elder, West Bear River	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	30	08/21 - 10/10
DA1002	Box Elder, West Bear River	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	30	11/24 - 12/31
DA1026	Chalk Creek	Private Lands Only	50	08/02 - 08/20
DA1039	East Canyon	Private Lands Only	50	08/02 - 08/20 and 11/06 - 12/31
DA1040	East Canyon	Private Lands Only - Archery Only	50	08/21 - 09/17
DA1027	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake		100	08/02 - 09/17
DA1028	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake		100	10/09 - 10/31
DA1003	Monroe/Plateau, Sevier Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	50	09/01 - 09/30
DA1004	Mt Dutton, Circleville South		10	08/02 - 08/14
DA1029	Nine Mile, Green River Valley	Archery only	10	08/02 - 09/17
DA1041	Nine Mile, Green River Valley	Any Weapon	30	10/09 - 10/31
DA1030	Nine Mile, Price River Valley	Archery only,	20	08/02 - 09/17
New	Nine Mile, Price River Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	25	09/29 - 10/17
DA1031	Oquirrh-Stansbury, Settlement Cyn	Archery Only	25	08/21 - 09/30
DA1007	Panguitch Lake, Panguitch Valley		10	10/09 - 10/31
DA1009	Pine Valley, Enterprise		35	08/02 - 08/15
DA1017	Pine Valley, Enterprise		25	10/09 - 10/22
DA1018	Pine Valley, New Harmony	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only, Private Lands, 2 Doe Permits	35	08/02 - 08/15
DA1033	San Juan, Monticello	Archery only	5	08/02 - 09/11
DA1042	San Juan, Monticello	Archery only	5	11/30 - 12/31
DA1043	Southwest Desert, Cedar Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun only	15	08/02 - 08/15
DA1044	South Slope, Myton	Private Lands, 2 Doe Permits	200	10/02 - 11/15
New	Fillmore, Oak City	Archery Only, Primarily Private Lands	15	08/02 - 09/04
		Total	935	

2021 Antlerless Elk Hunts						
Hunt #	Hunt Name	Hunt Information	NR_permits	Res_permits	Total_permits	Season_dates
EA1222	Beaver, East		15	135	150	11/20 - 12/11
EA1223	Beaver, East		10	90	100	12/18 - 01/01
EA1190	Beaver, North		12	108	120	01/01 - 01/31
EA1224	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek, South	Excludes tribal lands	10	90	100	10/09 - 10/21
EA1225	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek, South Muzzleloader	Muzzleloader Only, excludes tribal lands	13	112	125	11/03 - 11/11
EA1004	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless		3	27	30	10/09 - 10/21
EA1007	Box Elder, Grouse Creek		1	4	5	08/02 - 08/20 and 10/09 - 10/21
EA1008	Box Elder, Grouse Creek		1	4	5	10/23 - 10/31
EA1203	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn (early)		1	4	5	08/02 - 08/20
EA1204	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn (late)		1	4	5	10/02 - 11/01
EA1009	Cache, East		49	436	485	10/09 - 10/21
EA1010	Cache, Rich		7	63	70	08/02 - 08/20 and 10/09 - 10/31
EA1193	Cache, Rich		7	63	70	11/13 - 01/16
EA1011	Cache, Richards Hollow		5	40	45	11/13 - 12/31
EA1012	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	2	13	15	08/02 - 08/20
EA1194	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	2	13	15	11/13 - 12/10
EA1025	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	2	13	15	10/09 - 10/31
EA1206	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	2	13	15	12/11 - 01/16
EA1013	Central Mtns, Central Manti		1	9	10	10/09 - 10/21
EA1015	Central Mtns, Ferron Canyon		1	9	10	10/09 - 10/21
EA1017	Central Mtns, Gordon Creek-Price Canyon		1	9	10	11/24 - 01/31
EA1018	Central Mtns, Horn Mountain		1	4	5	11/27-12/31
EA1020	Central Mtns, Mohrland-Stump Flat		1	9	10	11/24 - 01/31
EA1022	Central Mtns, North Manti		15	135	150	10/09 - 10/21
EA1023	Central Mtns, South Manti		4	36	40	10/09 - 10/21
EA1025	Central Mtns, West Manti		7	63	70	11/19 - 01/31
EA1024	Central Mtns, South Manti		1	9	10	11/19 - 01/31
EA1207	Central Mtns, Moroni Hills		5	45	50	08/02 - 08/20
EA1226	Central Mtns, Moroni Hills		3	27	30	09/18 - 10/08
EA1021	Central Mtns, Nebo		8	67	75	10/09 - 10/21
EA1208	Central Mtns, Nebo		8	67	75	11/19 - 01/31
EA1026	Chalk Creek	Primarily Private Land	35	315	350	10/09 - 10/31 and 11/13 - 01/16
New	East Canyon	New Hunt, Primarily Private Land, Limited Access	36	324	360	10/09 - 10/21 and 12/01 - 01/31
EA1227	Fillmore, Kanosh Valley	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit, Private lands. Hunt	1	9	10	12/04 - 01/31
EA1209	Fillmore, Oak Creek		5	45	50	11/20 - 01/31
EA1030	Fillmore, Pahvant		3	22	25	11/20 - 12/11
EA1031	Fillmore, Pahvant		3	22	25	12/18 - 01/31
EA1033	Kamas		10	90	100	10/09 - 10/31 and 11/13 - 01/16
EA1034	Kamas, Francis		3	22	25	10/09 - 10/31 and 11/13 - 01/16

2021 Antlerless Elk Hunts						
Hunt #	Hunt Name	Hunt Information	NR_permits	Res_permits	Total_permits	Season_dates
EA1035	Kamas, Oakley		10	90	100	10/09 - 10/31 and 11/13 - 01/16
EA1038	La Sal, La Sal Mtns		25	225	250	10/09 - 10/21
EA1039	La Sal, La Sal Mtns		25	225	250	11/17 - 01/31
New	La Sal, La Sal Mtns, North	New Hunt	10	90	100	10/09 - 10/21 and 11/17 - 01/31
EA1040	Monroe, Koosharem Valley	Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt, Infrequent Elk Herd	1	9	10	08/02-08/17 and 10/9 - 10/21
New	Monroe, Rock Springs	New Hunt, Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit	2	18	20	08/02-08/17 and 10/9 - 10/21
EA1228	Morgan-South Rich	Primarily Private Land, Limited Access	10	90	100	10/09-10/21 and 12/01-12/15
EA1229	Morgan-South Rich	Primarily Private Land, Limited Access	10	90	100	12/22 - 01/16
EA1044	Morgan-South Rich, South Rich	Primarily Private Land, Limited Access, Very difficult	5	45	50	10/09 - 10/21 and 12/01 - 01/16
EA1049	Mt Dutton, Deep Creek	No Vehicle Access	3	27	30	12/04 - 12/19
EA1186	Mt Dutton/Plateau		3	27	30	11/24-12/31
EA1052	Nine Mile, Avintaquin West Anthro	Excludes Tribal Lands, Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	25	225	250	01/15 - 01/31
EA1054	Nine Mile, West Anthro	Excludes Tribal Lands, Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	25	225	250	12/11 - 12/31
New	Nine Mile, Range Creek	Primarily Private Land, Limited Access	4	36	40	10/9 - 10/31
New	Nine Mile, Range Creek	Primarily Private Land, Limited Access	4	36	40	11/24 -01/31
EA1055	North Slope, Greendale	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	1	4	5	10/09 - 10/21
EA1056	North Slope, Greendale	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	1	4	5	11/20 - 11/31
EA1058	North Slope, Henry's Fork-Burnt Fork		5	45	50	11/13 - 01/16
EA1196	North Slope, Summit		5	45	50	10/09 - 10/31
EA1060	North Slope, West Daggett	Muzzleloader Only	1	9	10	11/03 - 11/11
EA1061	North Slope, West Daggett	Muzzleloader Only	2	18	20	09/29 - 10/07
EA1063	Ogden		2	18	20	08/02-08/20 and 10/09-10/31
EA1064	Ogden		2	18	20	11/13 - 12/31
EA1069	Panguitch Lake	Public Land	8	67	75	11/27 - 12/05
EA1066	Panguitch Lake	Public Land	8	67	75	12/11 - 12/19
EA1067	Panguitch Lake	Public Land	8	67	75	12/25 - 01/02
EA1068	Panguitch Lake	Public Land	10	90	100	01/15 - 01/31
New	Panguitch Lake	New Hunt	8	67	75	10/09 - 10/21
EA1073	Paunsaugunt	Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt, Very Low Elk Numbers	5	45	50	11/27 - 01/31
EA1187	Paunsaugunt, Hatch Bench	Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt, Very Low Elk Numbers	3	22	25	12/04 - 01/31
EA1074	Pine Valley		2	18	20	10/09 - 10/31 and 11/12 - 01/16
EA1075	Plateau, Boulder East	Limited Vehicle Access	1	9	10	11/24 - 12/31
EA1076	Plateau, Boulder West		1	9	10	11/24 - 12/21
EA1077	Plateau, Boulder-Circle Cliffs	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit, Limited Vehicle Access	2	18	20	10/09 - 01/31
EA1078	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes		24	216	240	10/09 - 10/21
EA1079	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes East		8	72	80	11/24 - 12/31
EA1080	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes West		8	72	80	11/24 - 12/31
EA1081	San Juan		13	112	125	10/09 - 10/21
EA1082	San Juan		13	112	125	11/17 - 01-31

2021 Antlerless Elk Hunts						
Hunt #	Hunt Name	Hunt Information	NR_permits	Res_permits	Total_permits	Season_dates
EA1084	San Rafael, North		1	4	5	10/30 - 01/31
EA1101	Southwest Desert		10	90	100	11/22 - 12/30
EA1085	South Slope, Bonanza-Vernal	Archery Only, Excludes Tribal Lands	10	90	100	08/21 - 09/22
EA1087	South Slope, Bonanza-Vernal	Excludes Tribal Lands	10	90	100	10/09 - 10/21
EA1089	South Slope, Diamond Mtn		5	45	50	11/01 - 11/09
EA1090	South Slope, Diamond Mtn		5	45	50	11/13 - 11/21
EA1091	South Slope, Diamond Mtn		5	45	50	11/27 - 12/05
New	South Slope, Buckskin Hills-Jensen		10	90	100	12/04 - 12/31
New	South Slope, Buckskin Hills-Jensen		10	90	100	01/01 - 01/31
EA1094	South Slope, Mosby Mtn	Excludes tribal lands	8	72	80	11/13 - 12/26
EA1098	South Slope, Yellowstone	Excludes tribal lands	8	67	75	11/20 - 12/04
EA1099	South Slope, Yellowstone	Excludes tribal lands	8	67	75	12/11 - 12/31
EA1100	South Slope, Yellowstone	Excludes tribal lands	8	67	75	01/15 - 01/31
New	South Slope, Yellowstone		30	270	300	10/09 - 10/21
New	South Slope, Yellowstone	Muzzleloader Only, Excludes Tribal Lands	10	90	100	11/03 - 11/11
EA1217	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	Excludes Tribal Lands, Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	15	135	150	10/09 - 10/21
EA1110	Wasatch Mtns, Salt Lake		4	36	40	11/20 - 01/31
EA1111	Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg		3	27	30	11/20 - 12/19
EA1112	Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg		5	45	50	12/20 - 01/31
EA1113	Wasatch Mtns, West Heber		3	22	25	11/20 - 01/31
EA1114	Wasatch Mtns, West Timpanogos		3	27	30	11/20 - 01/31
EA1189	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	Muzzleloader Only	40	360	400	11/03 - 11/11
EA1231	West Desert, Tintic Valley	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	5	45	50	08/02 - 01/31
EA1116	Zion	Excludes Zion National Park, Primarily Private Land.	10	90	100	10/09 - 10/31
EA1117	Zion	Excludes Zion National Park, Primarily Private Land.	20	180	200	11/12 - 12/31
		Total	844	7441	8285	

2021 ANTLERLESS MOOSE HUNTS						
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	HUNT INFORMATION	RESIDENT	NONRES	TOTAL	SEASON DATES
			PERMITS	PERMITS	PERMITS	
MA1000	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake		4	1	5	09/25 - 10/24
MA1001	East Canyon, Morgan-Summit	LIMITED PUBLIC LAND	2	0	2	09/25 - 10/24
MA1005	Morgan-South Rich	LIMITED PUBLIC LAND	4	1	5	09/25 - 10/24
MA1003	Ogden, West		3	0	3	09/25 - 10/24
			Total		15	

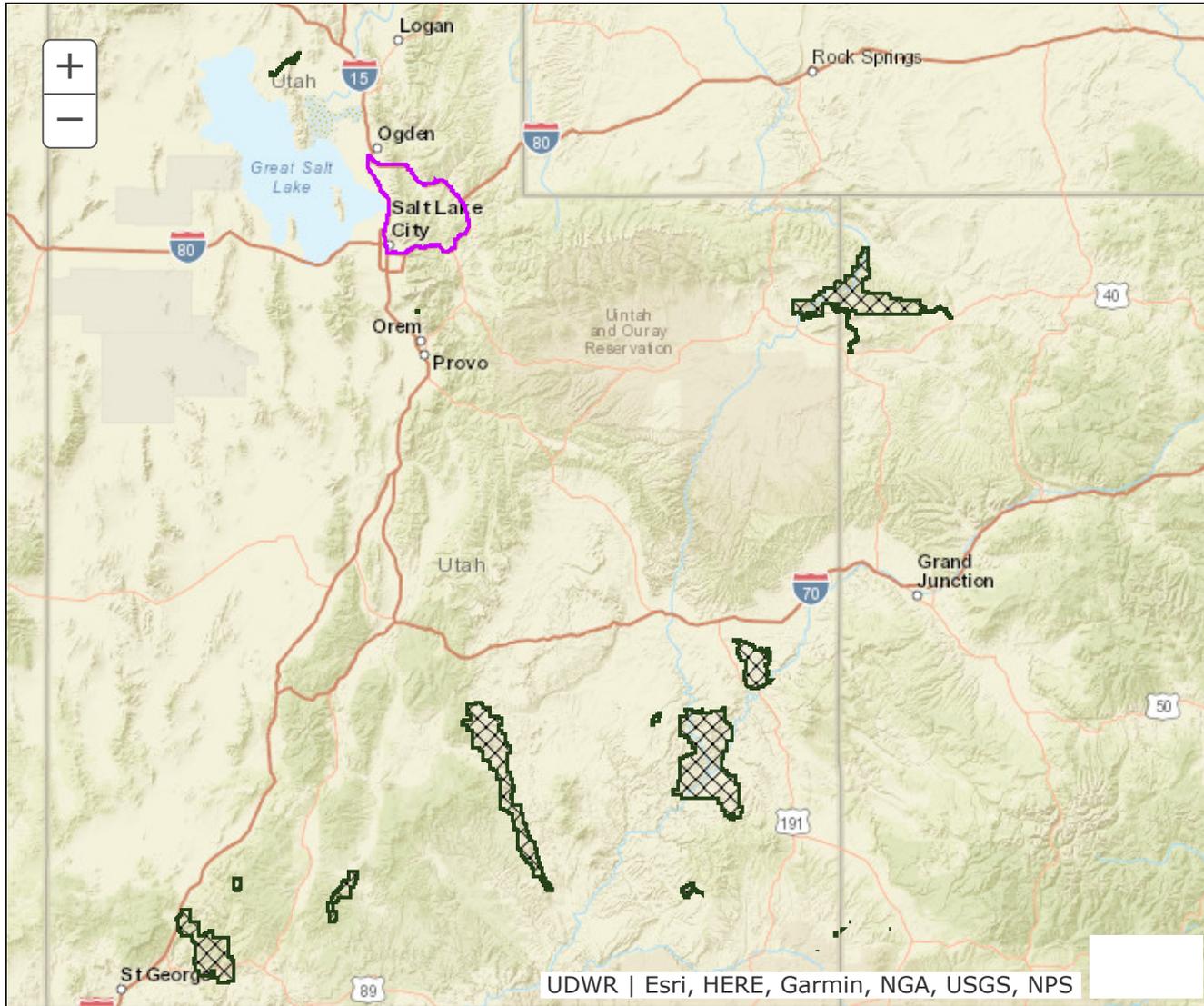
2021 DOE PRONGHORN HUNTS						
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	HUNT INFORMATION	RESIDENT PERMITS	NONRES PERMITS	TOTAL PERMITS	SEASON DATES
PD1036	Beaver		27	3	30	10/09 - 10/22
PD1012	Box Elder, Promontory		18	2	20	10/09 - 10/31
PD1000	Box Elder, Snowville	2-doe permits *change to 1 doe	36	4	40	11/13 - 12/12
PD1017	Box Elder, West		31	4	35	10/09 - 10/31
PD1003	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden		4	1	5	12/11 - 12/31
PD1002	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden		4	1	5	10/09 - 10/31
PD1033	Central Mountains, Poison Springs Bench		18	2	20	10/09 - 10/31
PD1027	Fillmore, Oak Creek South		22	3	25	10/09 - 10/22
PD1034	Fillmore, Oak Creek South		27	3	30	08/02 - 08/14
PD1035	Fillmore, Oak Creek South		22	3	25	11/06 - 11/28
PD1018	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt		9	1	10	10/09 - 10/22
New	Nine Mile, Anthro-Pleasant Valley	new hunt, mostly private land	63	7	70	08/02 - 08/19
PD1005	North Slope, Summit		4	1	5	10/09 - 10/31
PD1037	North Slope, Three Corners		4	1	5	10/23 - 10/31
PD1038	North Slope, West Daggett		3	1	4	10/23 - 10/31
PD1039	Panguitch Lake/Zion, North		9	1	10	11/27 - 12/05
PD1042	Pine Valley		27	3	30	10/09 - 10/22
PD1007	San Rafael North, Cleveland		4	1	5	10/02 - 10/17
PD1030	San Rafael North, Cleveland		4	1	5	08/07 - 08/15
PD1008	Southwest Desert, Milford Flat		22	3	25	08/02 - 08/15
Total					404	

2021 BIGHORN EWE HUNTS					
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	RESIDENT	NONRES	TOTAL	SEASON DATES
		PERMITS	PERMITS	PERMITS	
RE1000	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtns	9	1	10	09/11 - 09/19

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT East Canyon

SPECIES Elk



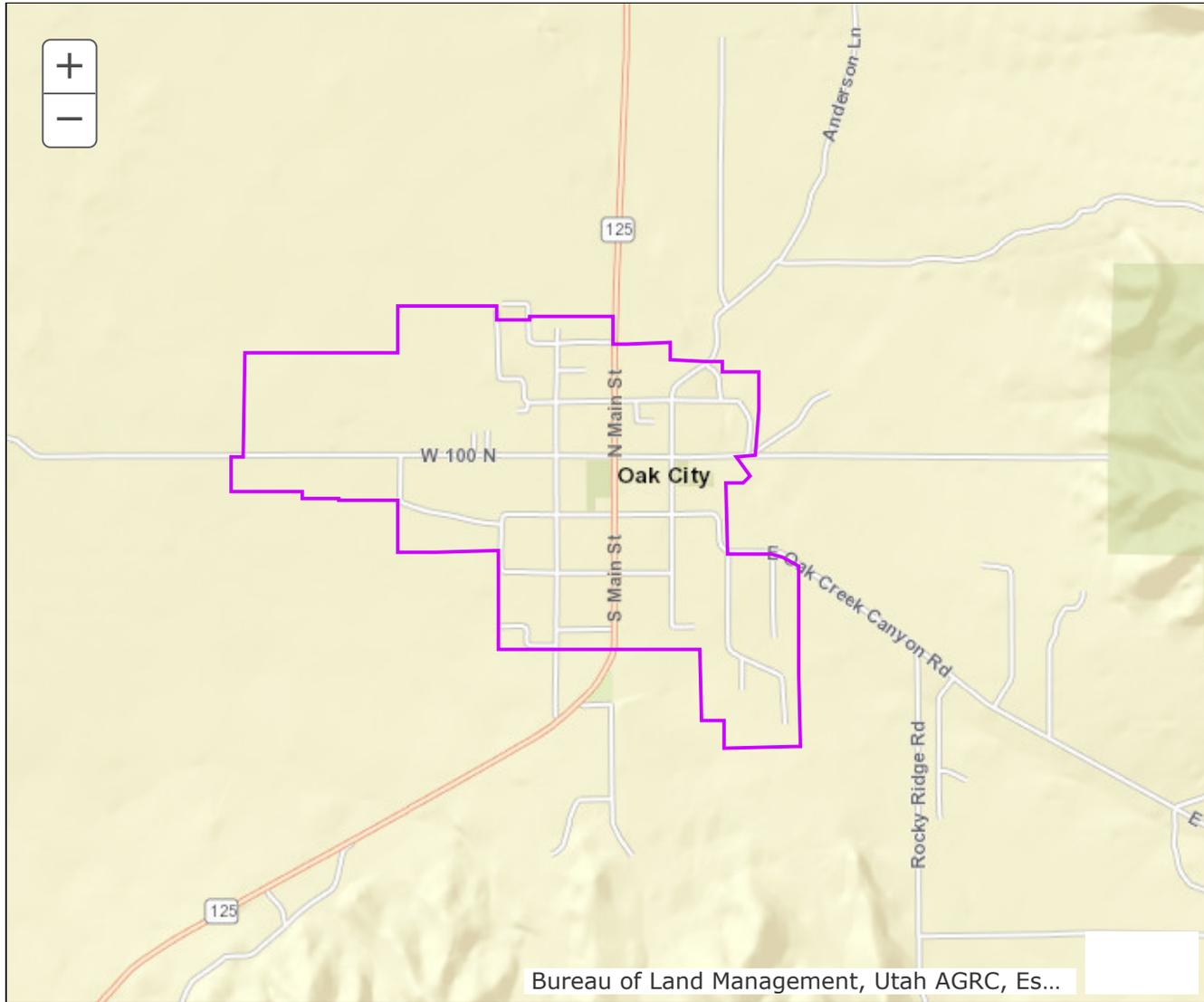
Updated Boundary: Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake and Summit counties--Boundary begins at Echo Junction and I-80; southwest along I-80 to I-15; north on I-15 to its junction with I-84 near Ogden; east on I-84 to Echo Junction. This hunt is comprised of all or largely private property. Hunters should acquire written permission from the landowner before applying for this hunt. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Salt Lake City, Ogden. Boundary questions? Call the Ogden office, 801-476-2740.



BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Fillmore, Oak City (Archery Only)

SPECIES Deer

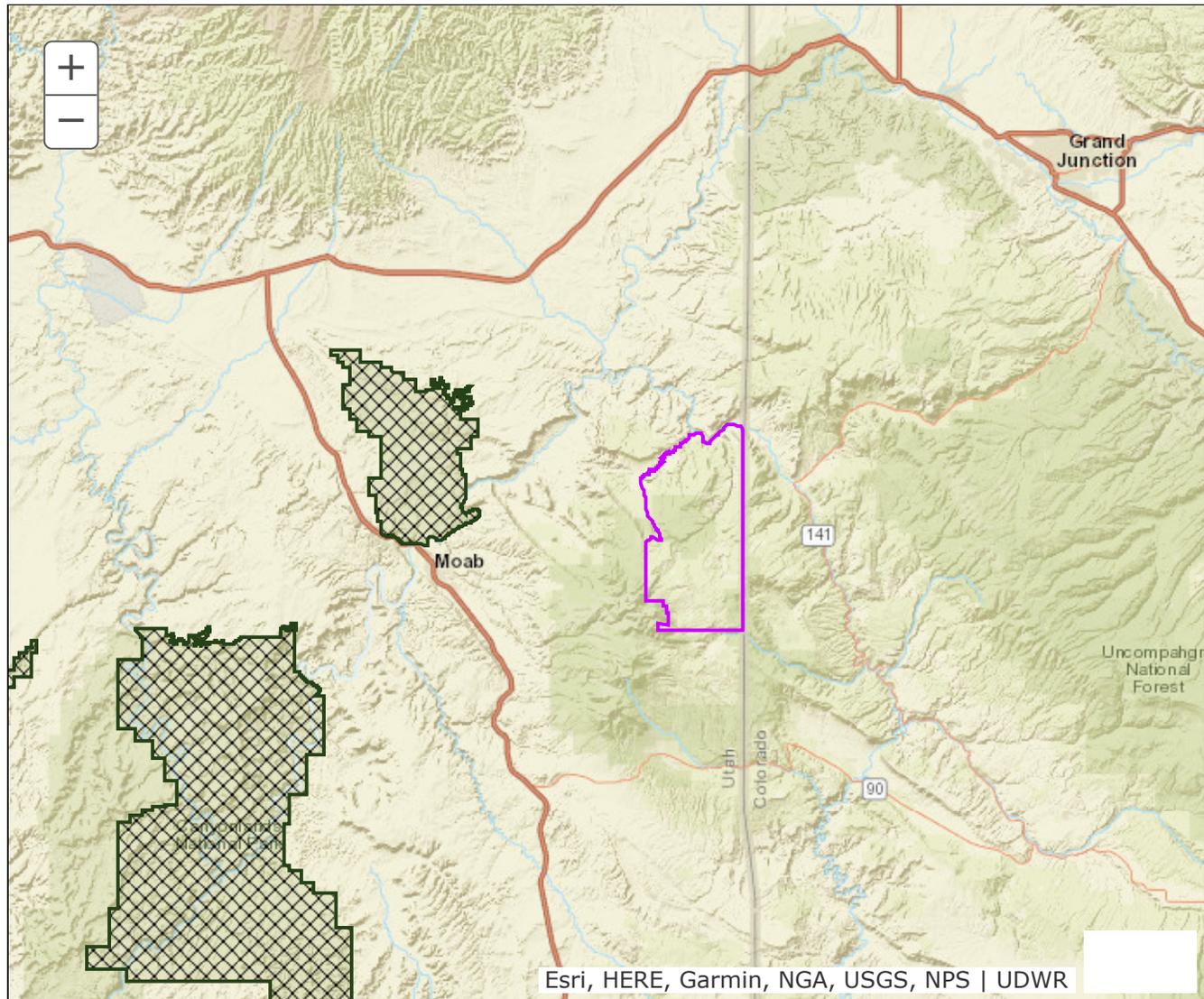


Updated Boundary: Millard County—Oak City legal boundary. Boundary questions? Call Cedar City office, (435) 865-6100.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT LaSal, LaSal Mtns-North

SPECIES Elk

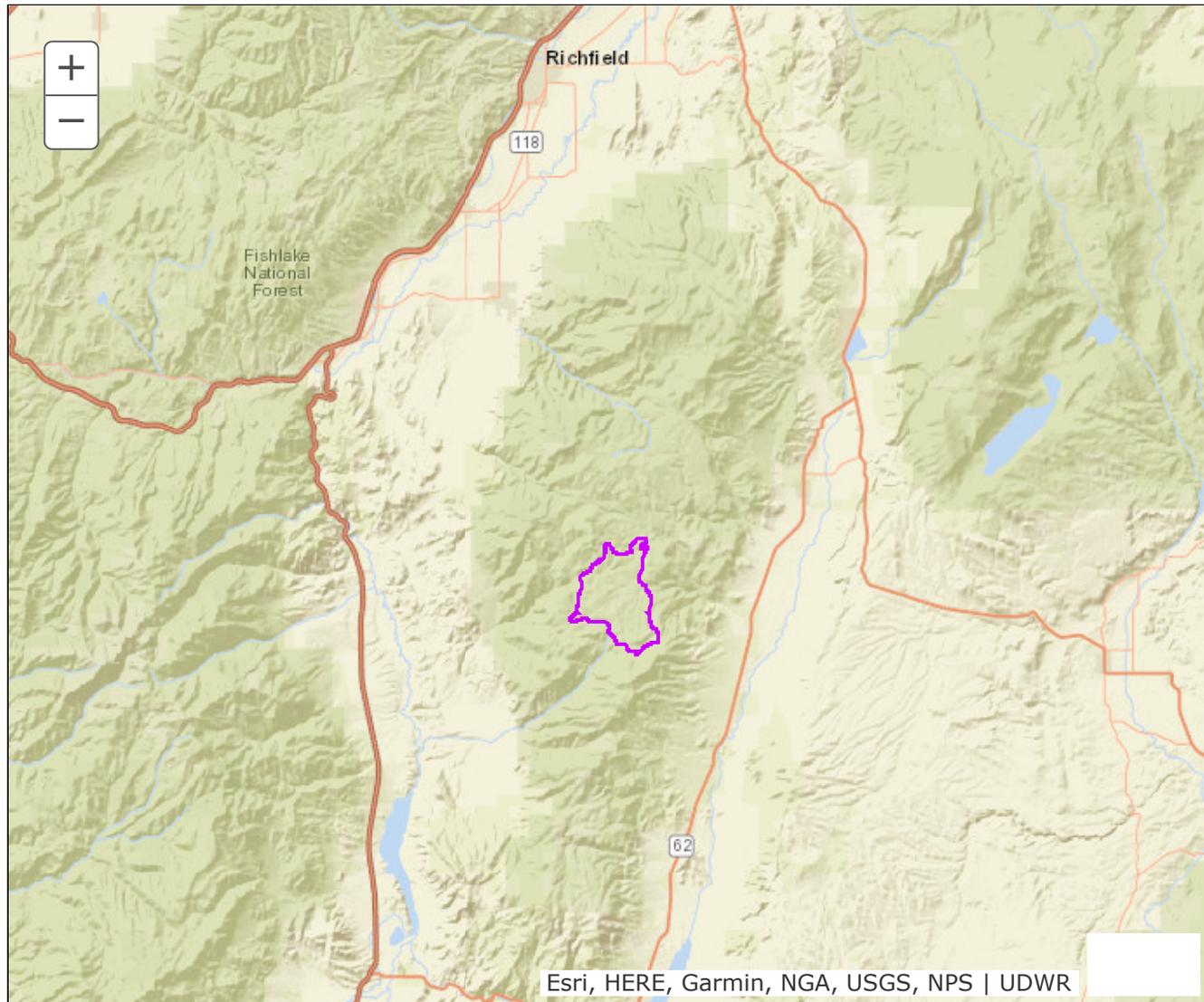


Updated Boundary: Grand county—Boundary begins at the Utah-Colorado state line and the Grand/San Juan County line; west along this county line 7.3 miles to the USFS boundary; north then east along this boundary line to the State Line Gateway road; east on this road to Fisher Creek; north-northeast along Fisher Creek to the Dolores River; east along the Dolores River to the Utah-Colorado state line; south on the state line to the Grand/San Juan County line. Excludes all CWMUs. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: La Sal, Moab. Boundary questions? Call Price office, 435-613-3700

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Monroe, Rock Springs

SPECIES Elk

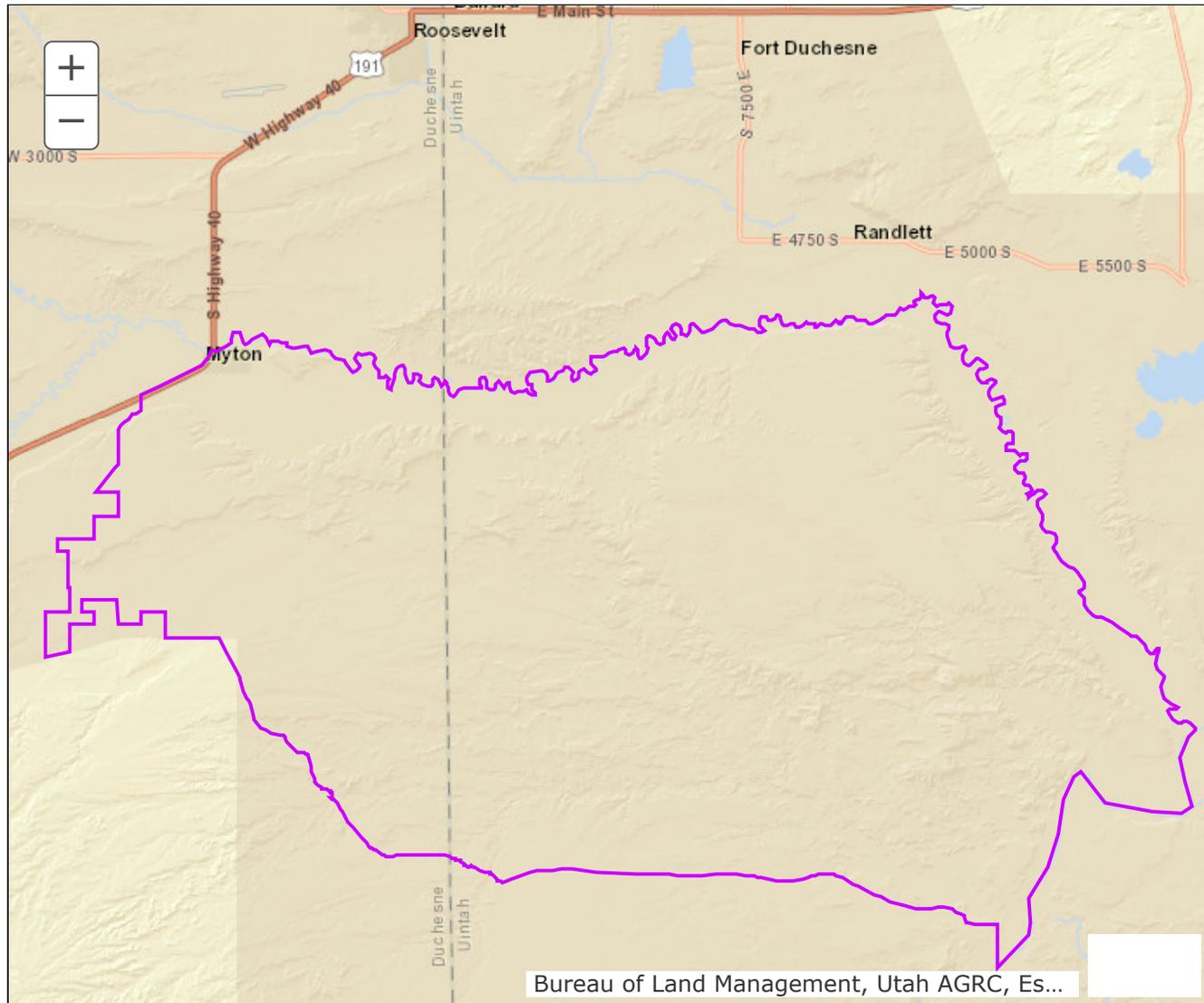


Updated Boundary: Piute County--Boundary begins at USFS Road FR068 and Piute Side Trail #87 (PST 87) near Upper Box Creek reservoir; west along PST 87 to PST 89; southwest on PST 89 to FR083 (Dry Creek road); south along FR083 to FR070; southeast on FR070 to FR071; southeast on FR071 to FR068; south FR068 to FR1171; east on FR1171 to PST 54 (Piute Side Trail #54); north on PST54 to FR1184; north on FR1184 to FR068 near Burnt Flat; north on FR068 to PST 87 near Box Creek reservoir.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Nine Mile, Anthro Pleasant Valley

SPECIES Pronghorn



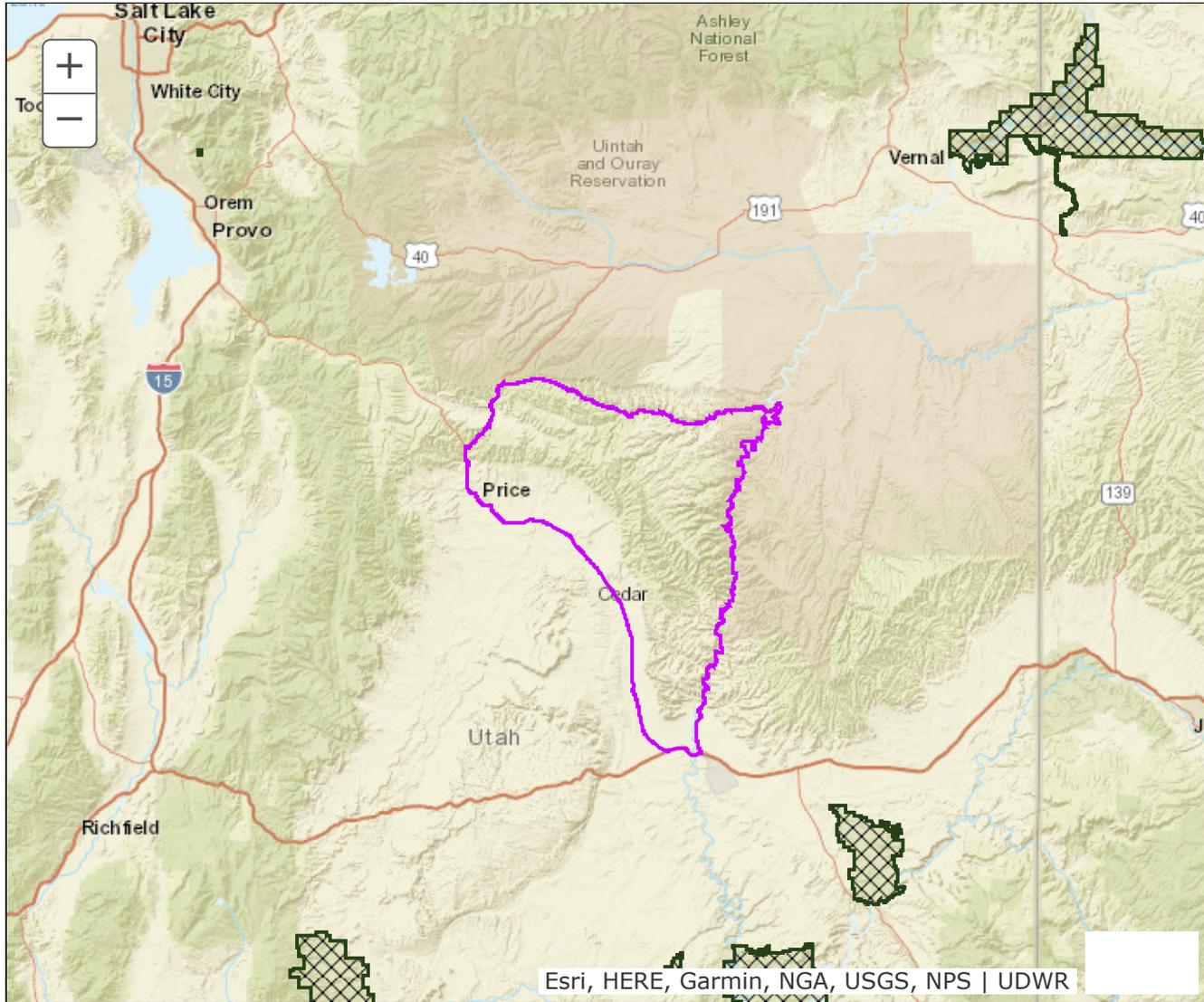
Updated Boundary: Duchesne and Uintah Counties—Beginning at the junction of US highway 40 and the Sand Wash Road in Pleasant Valley; South on the Sand Wash Road to the junction with the Wells Draw Road; South on this road to the Antelope Creek CWMU boundary; southeast along this boundary to the BLM/CWMU boundary; East along this boundary to the Sand Wash Road; southeast along this road to the Pariette Bench Road; East along this road to the private property; Southeast along the private property to the Green River; North along the Green River to the Duchesne River; North and West along the Duchesne River to US Highway 40; West along Highway 40 to the Sand Wash Road intersection in Pleasant Valley. EXCLUDES ALL NATIVE AMERICAN TRUST LANDS WITHIN THIS BOUNDARY. Excludes all CWMUs. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Duchesne, Price, Vernal. Boundary Questions? Call Vernal Office, 435-781-9453.



BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Nine Mile, Range Creek

SPECIES Elk

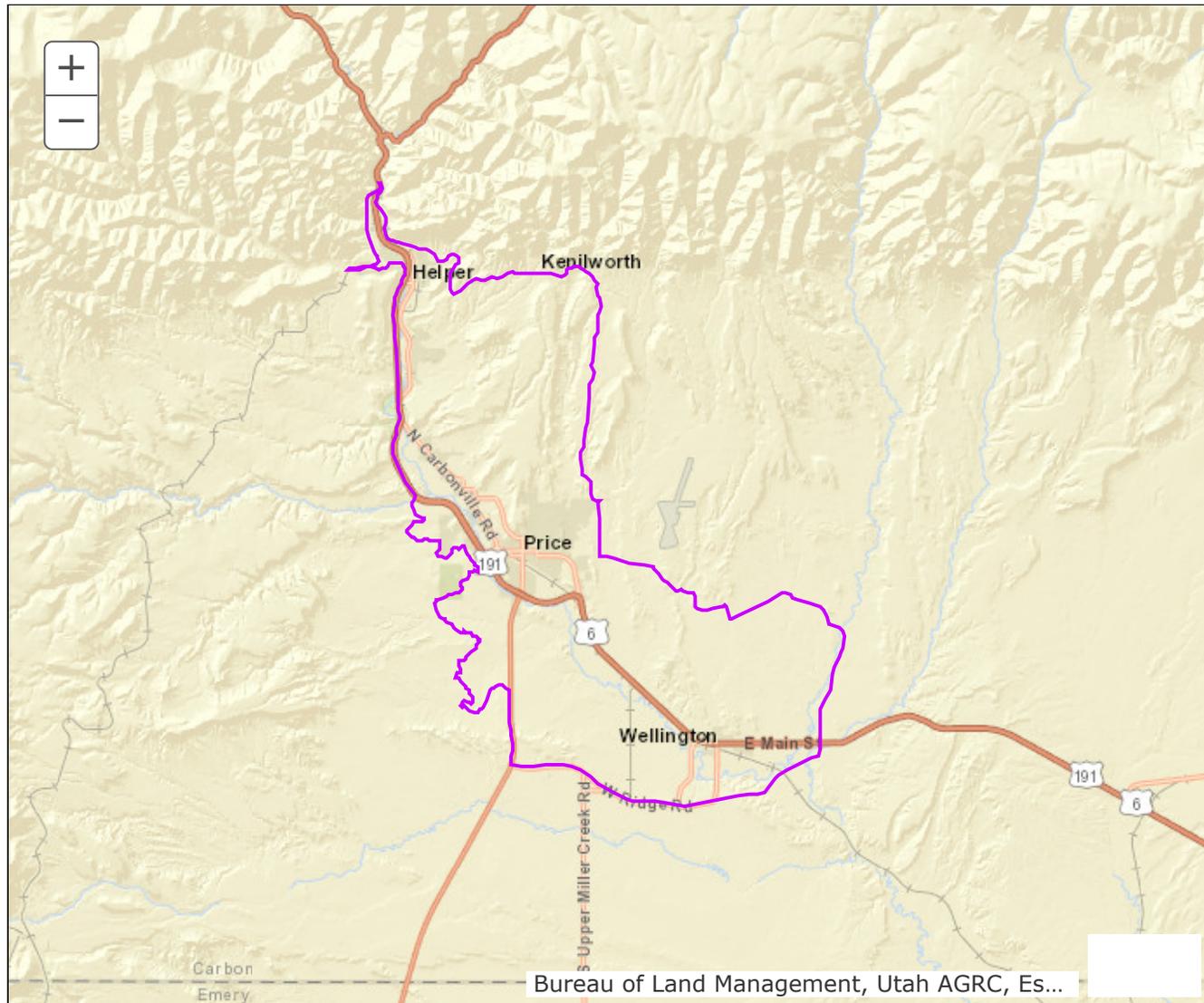


Updated Boundary: Carbon, Duchesne, and Emery counties Boundary begins at exit 164 on I-70 near the town of Green River west on I-70 to US-6 north and west on US-6 to US-191 north on US-191 to Argyle Canyon Road southeast on this road to Nine Mile Canyon Road east on this road to its end near Bulls Canyon and Nine Mile Creek east along this creek to the Green River south along this river to Swasey’s Boat Ramp and the Hastings Road south on this road to SR-19 south and east on SR-19 to Exit 164 on 1-70 near the town of Green River. This hunt is comprised of all or largely private property. Hunters should acquire written permission from the landowner before applying for this hunt. Excludes all CWMUs. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Huntington, Price, Seep Ridge. Boundary questions? Call Price office, 435-613-3700.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Nine Mile, Price River Valley

SPECIES Deer

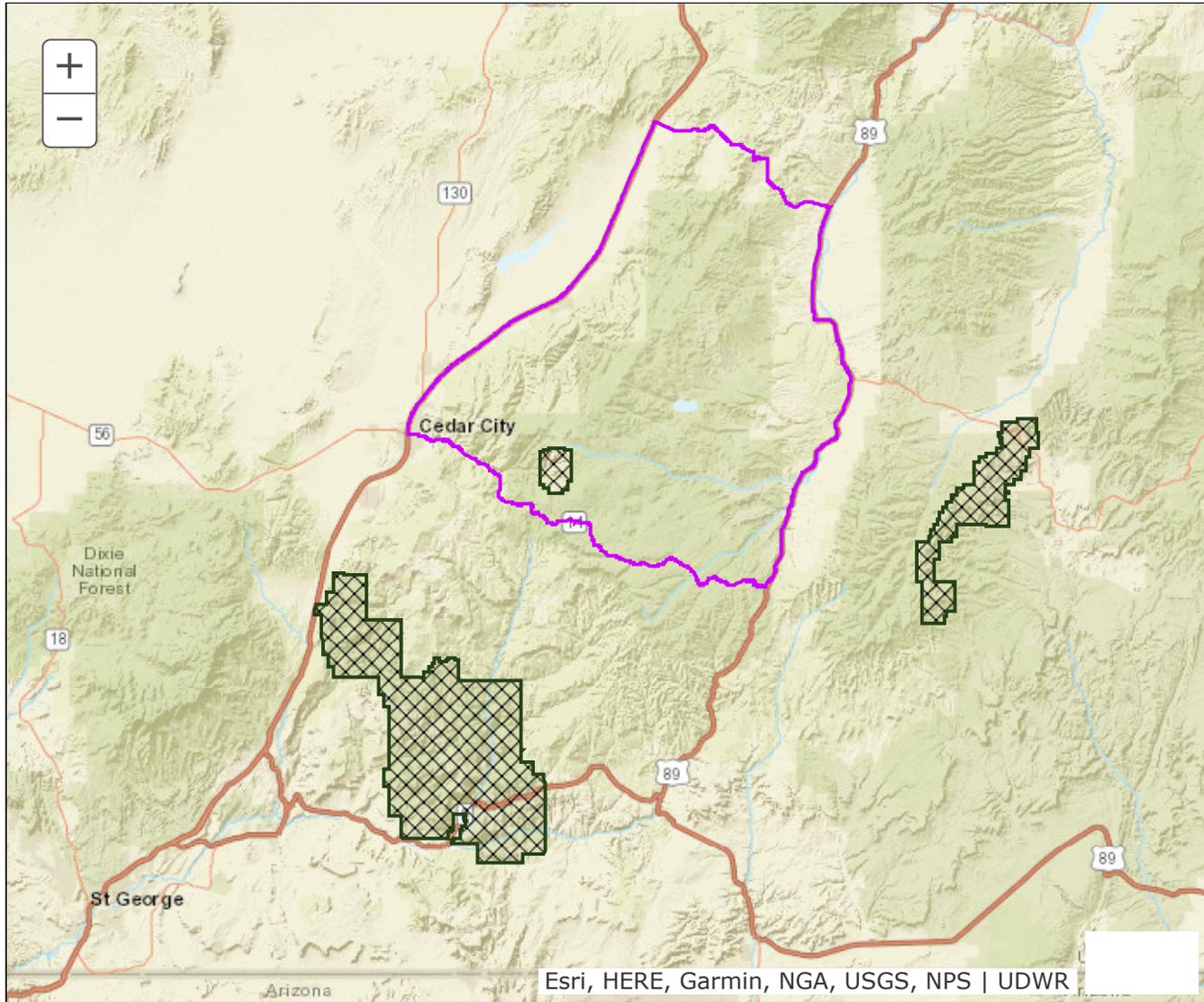


Updated Boundary: Carbon County--Boundary begins at Ridge Road and SR-10; north along SR-10 to the Carbon Canal; west and north along the Carbon Canal to SR-6; northwest along SR-6 to Hill Street near Helper; north along Hill Street to Vernal Street; north along Vernal Street to Canyon Street; west on Canyon Street to the Utah Railroad bridge/tracks in Spring Canyon; east and north along the Railroad tracks to the Denver-Rio Grande Railroad tracks near the Port of Entry; southeast along these tracks to the old Kenilworth Railroad near Railroad Avenue in Helper; southeast along this grade to Claybanks Road; south along the Claybanks Road to the Price-Kenilworth Road; south along the Price-Kenilworth Road to 1900 East in Price; south along 1900 East to Airport Road; east along Airport Road to the Carbon Animal Shelter; at the Carbon Animal Shelter take the dirt road southeast to North Coal Creek Road; east along North Coal Creek Road to East Coal Creek Road; south along East Coal Creek Road across US-6 to Ridge Road; west along Ridge Road to SR-10. Maps: Price. Contact the Southeast Region Office for questions (435) 613-3700

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Panguitch Lake

SPECIES Elk

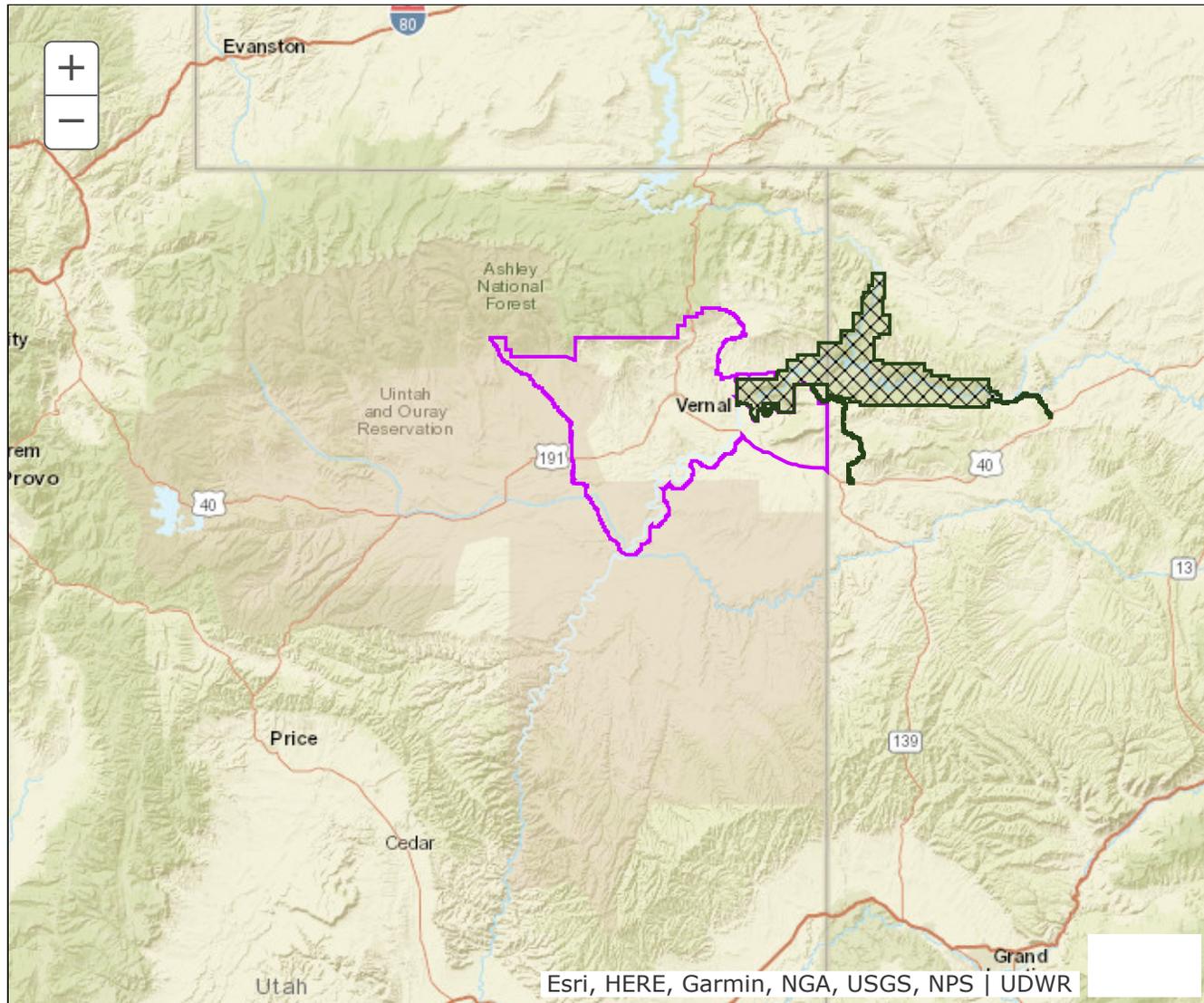


Updated Boundary: Garfield, Iron and Kane counties—Boundary begins at US-89 and SR-14; north on US-89 to SR-20; west on SR-20 to I-15; south on I-15 to SR-14; east on SR-14 to US-89. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Beaver, Cedar City, Panguitch. Boundary questions? Call the Cedar City office, 435-865-6100.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT South Slope, Buckskin Hills-Jensen

SPECIES Elk



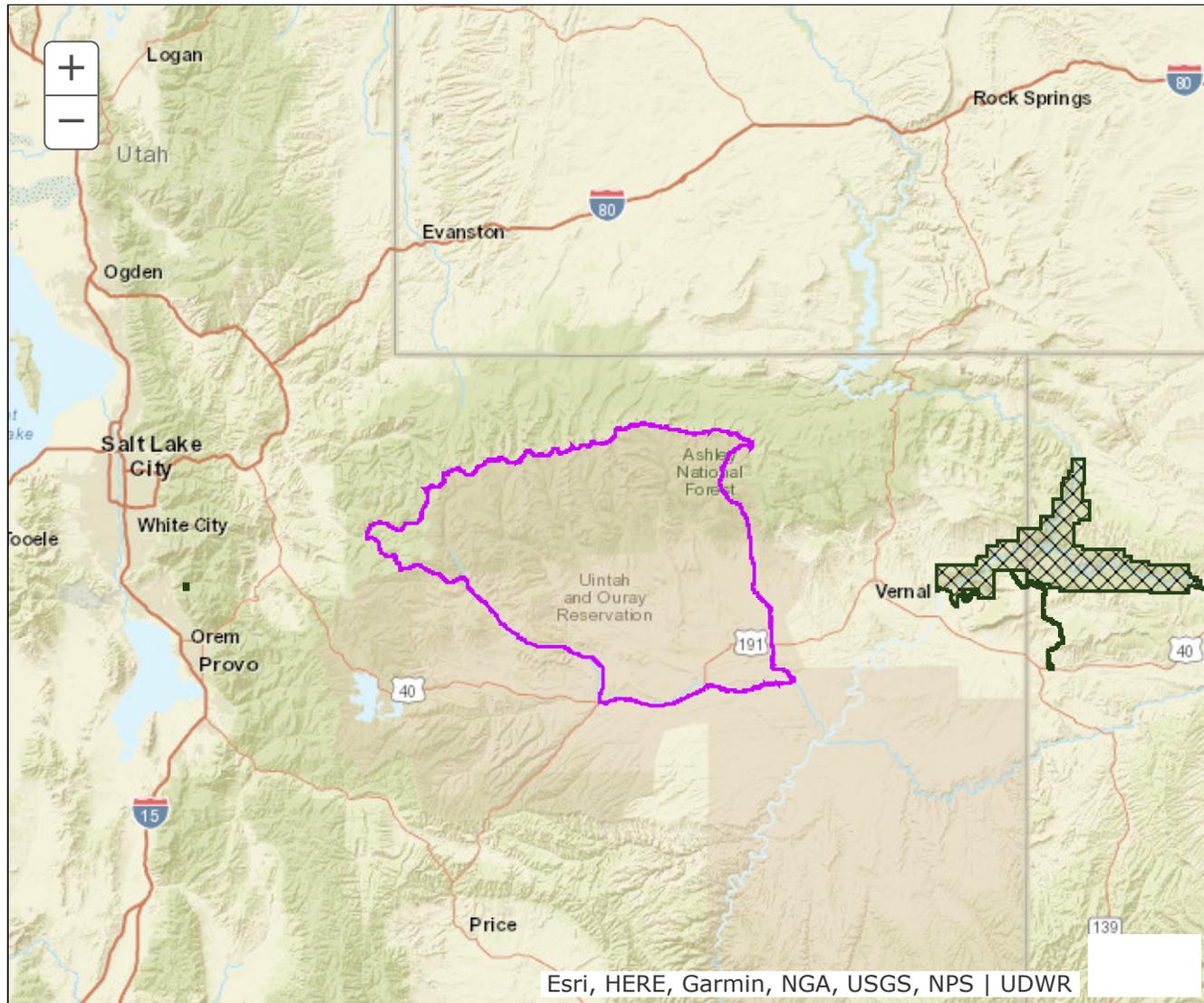
Updated Boundary: Uintah County—Boundary begins at the USFS southern boundary and the Uinta River; southeast along this river to the Duchesne River; south along the Duchesne River including a 1 mile buffer on the west side of the Duchesne river to the Green River near Ouray; northeast along the Green River including a 1 mile buffer on the east side of the Green River to Hwy 40; east on Hwy 40 to the Utah/Colorado border; north along the border to Harpers Corner Road; north and west along Harpers Corner Road to the Dinosaur National Monument boundary; south and west along this boundary to where Hwy 149 crosses the Green River; west along the Green River to Hwy 149 again and the Dinosaur National Monument boundary; north and east on Dinosaur National Monument boundary to the Island Park road; west on this road to the Brush Creek road; north on this road to the Diamond Mountain road; north on this road to the Diamond Mountain rim; west along this rim to the USFS boundary; west on this boundary to the Uinta River. This hunt is comprised of all or largely private property. Hunters should acquire written permission from the landowner before applying for this hunt. **EXCLUDES ALL NATIVE AMERICAN TRUST LANDS WITHIN THIS**

BOUNDARY. Excludes all CWMUs. Excludes all National Monument lands. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Dutch John, Vernal. Boundary questions? Call Vernal office, 435-781-9453.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT South Slope, Yellowstone

SPECIES Elk



Updated Boundary: Duchesne, Summit, Uintah and Wasatch counties—Boundary begins at SR-87 and US-40 in Duchesne; north on SR-87 to SR-35; northwest on SR-35 to the Provo River; north along this river to North Fork Provo River; north along this river to SR-150; east and north on SR-150 to the Summit-Duchesne county line (summit of the Uinta Mountains) at Hayden Pass; east along the summit of the Uinta Mountains to the Dry Fork-Whiterocks drainage divide; south atop this divide to USFS Trail #025; southwest on this trail to Whiterocks Lake and the East Fork of the Whiterocks River; south along this river to the Whiterocks River; south along this river to the Uinta River; south along this river to the Duchesne River; west along this river to US-40 at Myton; west on US-40 to SR-87 in Duchesne. EXCLUDES ALL NATIVE AMERICAN TRUST LAND WITHIN THIS BOUNDARY. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Duchesne, Dutch John, Kings Peak, Provo, Salt Lake City, Vernal. Boundary questions? Call the Vernal office, 435-781-9453.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2021

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

Subject: **2021 Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) permit recommendations**

The following is a summary of the 2021 CWMU recommendations for antlerless permits/vouchers. There are three types of applications the DWR receives for CWMUs: new, renewal and change applications.

- The DWR received antlerless CWMU applications for 2021 and recommends the approval of all of them.
 - 42 renewal applications
 - 2 change applications that require wildlife Board approval
 - 3 new applications
- There will be a total of 66 CWMUs with antlerless permits for the 2021 hunting season, based on the DWR's recommendations. The following table summarizes the recommended number of antlerless CWMU permits statewide:

Species	Private	Public
Antlerless elk	132	1,034
Doe pronghorn	28	46
Antlerless deer	0	25
Total	160	1,105



Region	CWMU	Species	Sex	Rec Private	Rec Public	Rec Hunt Date	Rec Ratio	COR Type	Acres Private	Acres Public	Unit	County	CWMU Status
SRO	Alton	Elk	Antlerless	6	9	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	35479	1860	27	Kane	A
NERO	Antelope Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	21252	0	11A	Duchesne	A
NERO	Avintaquin Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	4	4	08/01 - 01/31	50:50:00	Renewal	9477	0	17C	Duchesne	A
SRO	Bar J Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	8	12	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	Renewal	5970	330	25A	Sevier	A
CRO	Bear Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Renewal	8900	0	16A	Sanpete	A
NRO	Bear Springs	Elk	Antlerless	0	2	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	14122	0	3	Weber	A
SRO	Boobe Hole	Elk	Antlerless	0	10	09/01 - 01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	12000	0	25A	Sevier	A
NRO	Causey Spring	Elk	Antlerless	0	5	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	8725	537	4	Weber	A
NRO	Chimney Rock	Elk	Antlerless	0	12	08/01 - 01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	38828	0	4	Morgan	A
NRO	Coldwater Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	0	20	08/15 - 01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	33667	0	3	Cache	A
NRO	Cotton Thomas	Elk	Antlerless	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	13113	730	1	Box Elder	A
NERO	Cottonwood Ridge	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	8331	0	11A	Duchesne	A
NRO	Deseret	Elk	Antlerless	0	310	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	225228	15359	4	Rich	A
NRO	Double Cone	Elk	Antlerless	0	7	09/01 - 10/31	25:75	Renewal	5329	4365	1	Box Elder	A
NRO	Durst Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	0	25	09/01 - 1/31	0.069444444	Renewal	26358	0	4	Morgan	A
NRO	East Fork Chalk Creek	Elk	Antlerless	0	30	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	15260	0	6	Summit	A
NRO	Ensign Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	20	60	09/01 - 10/31	25:75	Renewal	82246	0	6	Summit	A
NRO	Folley Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	0	8	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	18260	0	4	Morgan	A
NRO	George Creek	Deer	Antlerless	0	5	08/01 - 12/31	0.069444444	Renewal	11879	783	1	Box Elder	A
NRO	George Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	2	3	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	11879	783	1	Box Elder	A
NRO	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	0	50	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	63337	0	6	Summit	A
SRO	Grazing Pasture	Elk	Antlerless	6	9	08/15 - 01/31	40:60	Renewal	6700	0	25A	Sevier	A
NRO	Guildersleeve	Elk	Antlerless	0	8	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	8000	0	4	Morgan	A
NRO	Hardscrabble	Elk	Antlerless	0	10	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	17623	0	5	Morgan	A
CRO	Heaston East	Elk	Antlerless	2	8	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Renewal	63965	0	18	Salt Lake	A
SRO	Heist	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	New	9520	0	20	Iron	A
SERO	Hiawatha	Elk	Antlerless	4	11	8/1 - 1/31	40:60	Renewal	16129	0	16B	Carbon	A
SERO	Indian Head	Elk	Antlerless	2	6	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Renewal	21494	1040	17C	Carbon	A
SERO	J.B. Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	14	21	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	9162	0	13A	Grand	A
SRO	Johnson Mountain Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	0	20	08/01 - 01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	13200	91	25A	Sevier	A
SERO	Jump Creek	Elk	Antlerless	6	9	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	Renewal	7255	0	16B	Carbon	A
NRO	Junction Valley	Deer	2 Doe	0	15	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Change	31525	360	1	Box Elder	A
NERO	Little Red Creek	Elk	Antlerless	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Renewal	18100	0	17C	Wasatch	A
SERO	Minnie Maud Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	0	8	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	16125	80	11B	Carbon	A
NERO	Moon Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2	6	09/01 - 10/31	25:75	Renewal	13000	0	17C	Duchesne	A
CRO	Mountain Sky Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2	3	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	New	10213	0	16A	Utah	A
SRO	Mt. Carmel	Deer	Antlerless	0	5	09/11 - 11/10	0.069444444	Renewal	14882	460	29	Kane	A
SRO	Old Woman Plateau	Elk	Antlerless	0	4	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	6840	1280	16A	Sevier	A
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Elk	Antlerless	0	20	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	37351	0	21B	Millard	A
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	37351	0	21B	Millard	A
NRO	Powder Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	1	1	08/01 - 01/31	50:50:00	Renewal	11582	0	3	Weber	A
SERO	Preston Nutter Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	0	5	8/1 - 1/31	0.069444444	Renewal	26851	0	11B	Carbon	A
NRO	Rabbit Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	0	1	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	7588	560	2	Rich	A
SERO	Redd Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	0	30	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	19048	0	13A	San Juan	A
NRO	Riverview Ranch LLC	Elk	Antlerless	3	7	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	19817	13895	1	Box Elder	A
NRO	RLF Deep Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	1	2	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	11129	0	1	Box Elder	A
SERO	Roan Cliffs	Elk	Antlerless	0	4	08/01 - 01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	10045	480	11B	Carbon	A
NRO	Royal Ivory Outfitters	Elk	Antlerless	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Change	10555	0	8	Summit	A
NERO	Sand Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2	5	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Renewal	10200	0	17B	Duchesne	A
SERO	Scofield Canyons	Elk	Antlerless	4	8	8/1 - 1/31	25:75	Renewal	12310	40	16B	Utah	A
SERO	Scofield East	Elk	Antlerless	3	8	8/15 - 1/31	25:75	Renewal	10124	0	16B	Carbon	A
SERO	Scofield West	Elk	Antlerless	10	30	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	11565	0	16B	Carbon	A
NRO	Sharp Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	17650	0	3	Cache	A
NRO	SJ Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	0	6	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	6476	0	2	Cache	A
NRO	Skull Crack	Elk	Antlerless	0	15	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	27961	0	4	Weber	A
NRO	Snowville Flat	Pronghorn	Doe	1	2	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	6708	0	1	Box Elder	A
SERO	Soldier Summit	Elk	Antlerless	3	8	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Renewal	22218	0	16B	Utah	A
NRO	South Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	0	10	08/01-01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	16260	480	3	Cache	A
SERO	Spring Creek/Dodge	Elk	Antlerless	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Renewal	83689.5	0	14A	San Juan	A
NRO	Strawberry Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	0	10	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	26220	48	2	Rich	A
CRO	Three C	Elk	Antlerless	8	12	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	Renewal	14676	0	17A	Wasatch	A
NRO	TL Bar Ranch	Pronghorn	Doe	0	2	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	4540	640	1	Box Elder	A
NRO	Two Bear	Elk	Antlerless	0	40	08/01 - 01/31	0.069444444	Renewal	35351	0	6	Summit	A
CRO	Wallsburg	Elk	Antlerless	2	8	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	Renewal	11278	0	17A	Wasatch	A
NRO	Weber Florence Creek	Elk	Antlerless	0	50	09/01 - 10/31	0.069444444	Renewal	36915	0	6	Summit	A
CRO	Westlake	Pronghorn	2 Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	18717.37	0	19A	Utah	A
SRO	Zane	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	9635	0	20	Iron	A

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NRO	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	0	50	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	63337	0	6	Summit	A
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SRO	Johnson Mountain Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	0	20	08/01 - 01/31	Renewal	13200	91	25A	Sevier	A
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SERO	Redd Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	0	30	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	19048	0	13A	San Juan	A
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SERO	Scofield West	Elk	Antlerless	10	30	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	11565	0	16B	Carbon	A
NRO	Sharp Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	Renewal	17650	0	3	Cache	A
NRO	SJ Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	0	6	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	6476	0	2	Cache	A
NRO	Skull Crack	Elk	Antlerless	0	15	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	27961	0	4	Weber	A
SERO	Soldier Summit	Elk	Antlerless	3	8	08/01 - 01/31	Renewal	22218	0	16B	Utah	A
NRO	South Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	0	10	08/01-01/31	Renewal	16260	480	3	Cache	A
SERO	Spring Creek/Dodge	Elk	Antlerless	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	Renewal	83689.5	0	14A	San Juan	A
NRO	Strawberry Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	0	10	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	26220	48	2	Rich	A
CRO	Three C	Elk	Antlerless	8	12	08/01 - 01/31	Renewal	14676	0	17A	Wasatch	A
NRO	Two Bear	Elk	Antlerless	0	40	08/01 - 01/31	Renewal	35351	0	6	Summit	A
CRO	Wallsburg	Elk	Antlerless	2	8	08/01 - 01/31	Renewal	11278	0	17A	Wasatch	A
NRO	Weber Florence Creek	Elk	Antlerless	0	50	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	36915	0	6	Summit	A

Region	CWMU	Species	Sex	Rec Private	Rec Public	Rec Hunt Date	COR Type	Acres Private	Acres Public	Unit	County	CWMU Status
NERO	Antelope Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	21252	0	11A	Duchesne	A
NERO	Cottonwood Ridge	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	8331	0	11A	Duchesne	A
NRO	George Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	2	3	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	11879	783	1	Box Elder	A
NRO	RLF Deep Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	1	2	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	11129	0	1	Box Elder	A
NRO	Rabbit Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	0	1	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	7588	560	2	Rich	A
NRO	Snowville Flat	Pronghorn	Doe	1	2	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	6708	0	1	Box Elder	A
NRO	TL Bar Ranch	Pronghorn	Doe	0	2	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	4540	640	1	Box Elder	A
SRO	Heist	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	New	9520	0	20	Iron	A
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	37351	0	21B	Millard	A
CRO	Westlake	Pronghorn	2 Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	18717.37	0	19A	Utah	A
SRO	Zane	Pronghorn	Doe	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	Renewal	9635	0	20	Iron	A



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Date: March 8, 2021
To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members
From: Justin M. Shannon, Chief of Wildlife
Subject: Proposed rule change to R657-41 (conservation permit rule)

The conservation permit rule (R657-41) has generated funds to help Utah's wildlife since the 1980s. In summer 2020, the Department of Natural Resources conducted an internal review on R657-41, and suggested changes to improve the program. Proposed changes are listed below.

Simplify Rule to Reduce Complexity:

- Combine the 1-year and 3-year programs into a single application process on a 3-year term
 - Allow up to 2 new conservation organizations to enter the conservation permit program once every 3 years on a probationary status
 - Provide new groups with 0.5% market share
 - Reduces competitive barrier for entry into the conservation permit program
 - Ensures the use of all eligible conservation permits

Prevent Areas of Potential Fraud

- Discontinue the ability for conservation organizations to trade draft positions
- Discontinue the ability for conservation organizations to trade conservation permits after the draft has been conducted
- Clarify that guiding fees must be separate from costs of conservation permits
- No actual fraud or wrong-doing was identified in the internal review, and recommendations are being made to protect and strengthen the conservation permit program

Clarify Portions of the Rule

- Conservation permits can be issued for specific units, subunits, and hunt areas
- Conservation permits are based on the number of public draw permits
- Add language on direct purchases made by conservation organizations



Housekeeping

- If season dates or boundary changes occur to an existing hunt within the 3-year term, DWR may cancel a conservation permit
- DWR may use an average sales price from previous years to estimate a market share for discontinued conservation permits
- Other minor changes were made during the rule revision



R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-41. Conservation and Sportsman Permits.

R657-41-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under the authority of Section 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, this rule provides the standards and procedures for issuing:

(a) conservation permits to conservation organizations for auction to the highest bidder at fund-raising events;

(b) sportsman permits;

(c) Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits to a conservation organization for auction to the highest bidder at the annual wildlife exposition held pursuant to R657-55; and

(d) Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits to successful applicants through a general drawing conducted by the division.

(2) The division and conservation organizations shall use all revenue derived from conservation permits under Subsections R657-41-9(4) and (5)(b) for the benefit of species for which conservation permits are issued, unless the division and conservation organization mutually agree in writing that there is a higher priority use for other species of protected wildlife.

R657-41-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Area Conservation Permit" means a permit issued for a specific unit, [subunit](#) or hunt area for a conservation permit species, and may include an extended season, or legal weapon choice, or both, beyond the season [~~-, except area turkey permits are valid during any season option and are valid in any open area during general season hunt~~].

(i) Area conservation permits issued for limited entry units are not valid on cooperative wildlife management units authorized for the same species of wildlife as the area conservation permit.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), area conservation permits issued for turkey are not valid during the youth general season hunt unless the holder qualifies as a youth.

(b) "Conservation Organization" means a nonprofit chartered institution, foundation, or association founded and operated for the purpose of promoting the protection, preservation, and recreational hunting of one or more conservation permit species and has established tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended.

(c) "Conservation Permit" means any harvest permit authorized by the Wildlife Board and issued by the division for purposes identified in Section R657-41-1.

(d) "Conservation Permit Species" means the species for which conservation permits may be issued and includes deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, mountain goat, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep, wild turkey, cougar, and black bear.

~~(e) "Multi-Year Conservation Permit" means a conservation permit awarded to an eligible conservation organization pursuant to R657-41-7 for three consecutive years.]]for auction to the highest bidder at fund-raising events.]~~

(f) "Retained Revenue" means 60% of the revenue raised by a conservation organization from auctioning conservation permits that the organization retains for eligible projects, including interest earned thereon less standard banking fees assessed on the account.

(g) "Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit" means a permit authorized by the Wildlife Board to hunt bighorn sheep or mule deer on Antelope Island State Park which is issued pursuant to R657-41-12.

(h) "Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit" means a permit authorized by the Wildlife Board to hunt bighorn sheep or mule deer on Antelope Island State Park which is issued by the division in a general drawing, requiring all applicants to pay an application fee and the successful applicant the cost of the permit.

(i) "Sportsman Permit" means a permit which allows a permittee to hunt during the applicable season dates specified in Subsection (j), and which is authorized by the Wildlife Board and issued by the division in a general drawing, requiring all applicants to pay an application fee and the successful applicant the cost of the permit.

~~(j) "Single Year Conservation Permit" means a conservation permit awarded to an eligible conservation organization pursuant to R657-41-6 for one year for auction to the highest bidder at fund-raising events.]~~

(k)

(i) "Statewide Conservation Permit" means a permit issued for a conservation permit species that allows a permittee to hunt:

(i) big game species on any open unit with archery equipment during the general archery season published in the big game guidebooks for the unit beginning before September 1, and with any weapon from September 1 through December 31, except pronghorn and moose from September 1 through November 15 and deer, elk from September 1 through January 15, and bison from August 1 through January 31;

(ii) two turkeys on any open unit from April 1 through May 31;

(iii) bear on any open unit during the season authorized by the Wildlife Board for that unit;

(iv) cougar on any open unit during the season authorized by the Wildlife Board for that unit and during the season dates authorized by the Wildlife Board on any harvest objective unit that has been closed by meeting its objective;

(v) Antelope Island is not an open unit for hunting any species of wildlife authorized by a conservation or sportsman permit, except for the Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits and the Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits; and

(vi) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep on any open unit, excluding the Box Elder, Pilot Mountain sheep unit, which is closed to both the Sportsman permit holder and the Statewide conservation permit holder every year.

(h) "Permit voucher" or "voucher" means an authorization issued by the division that entitles the designated holder to purchase the hunting permit specified in the authorization.

R657-41-3. Determining the Number of Conservation and Sportsman Permits.

(1) The number of conservation permits authorized by the Wildlife Board shall be based on:

(a) the species population trend, size, distribution, and long-term health;
(b) the hunting and viewing opportunity for the general public, both short and long term; ~~[and]~~

(c) the potential revenue that will support protection and enhancement of the species; and

(d) the total number of public draw permits available by species on a unit, subunit, or hunt area.

(2) One statewide conservation permit may be authorized for each conservation permit species.

(3) A limited number of area conservation permits may be authorized as follows:

(a) the potential number of ~~[multi-year and single-year]~~ conservation permits available for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and desert bighorn sheep, assigned to a hunt area or combination of hunt areas, will be calculated based on the number of public draw permits issued the year prior to the permits being awarded using the following rule:

(i) 5-14 public permits = 1 conservation permit, 15-24 public permits = 2 conservation permits, 25-34 public permits = 3 conservation permits, 35-44 public permits = 4 conservation permits, 45-54 public permits = 5 conservation permits, 55-64 public permits = 6 conservation permits, 65-74 public permits = 7 conservation permits and >75 public permits = 8 conservation permits.

(b) the potential number of ~~[multi-year and single-year]~~ conservation permits available for the remaining conservation permit species, for any unit, sub-unit or hunt area, will be calculated based on the number of public draw permits issued the year prior to the permits being awarded using the following rule:

(i) 11-30 public permits = 1 conservation permit, 31-50 public permits = 2 conservation permits, 51-70 public permits = 3 conservation permits, 71-90 public permits = 4 conservation permits, 91-110 public permits = 5 conservation permits, 111-130 = 6 conservation permits, 131-150 public permits = 7 conservation permits and >150 public permits = 8 conservation permits.

(4) The number of conservation permits may be reduced if the number of public permits declines during the time period for which ~~[multi-year]~~ conservation permits were awarded.

(5) The actual number of conservation and sportsman permits available for use will be determined by the Wildlife Board.

(6) Area conservation permits shall be approved by the Wildlife Board in a separate process from approving the number of public drawing permits.

(7) One sportsman permit shall be authorized for each statewide conservation permit authorized.

~~[(8) All area conservation permits are eligible as multi-year permits, except the division may designate some area conservation permits as single-year permits based on the applications received for single-year permits.]~~

~~[(9) All statewide permits will be multi-year permits.]~~

R657-41-4. Eligibility for Conservation Permits.

(1) Statewide and area conservation permits may be awarded to eligible conservation organizations for auction to the highest bidder at fund-raising events and through other authorized means of sale.

(2) To be eligible for ~~multi-year~~ conservation permits, a conservation organization must ~~have generated in conservation permit sales during the previous three-year period at least one percent of the total revenue generated by all conservation organizations in conservation permit sales during the same period. Conservation organizations eligible for multi-year permits may not apply for single-year permits, and conservation organizations ineligible for multi-year permits may only apply for single-year permits.];~~

(a) satisfy the definition of a qualifying conservation organization;
(b) complete the application requirements in R657-41-5; and
(c) remain in good standing during the previous three-year term of participation and not subject to any suspension or revocation proceeding under R657-41-13.

(3) Conservation organizations applying for ~~single-year~~ conservation permits may not [∴]

~~[(a) bid] apply for or obtain conservation permits if any employee, agent, officer, or board of directors member of the conservation organization is an employee, agent, officer, or board of directors member of any other conservation organization that is [submitting a bid for single-year conservation permits; or]~~

~~[(b) enter into any pre-bidding discussions, understandings or agreements with any other conservation organization submitting a bid for conservation permits regarding:]~~

~~[(i) which permits will be sought by a bidder;]~~

~~[(ii) what amounts will be bid for any permits; or]~~

~~[(iii) trading, exchanging, or transferring any permits after permits are awarded]~~ also applying to participate in the program.

R657-41-5. Applying for Conservation Permits.

(1)(a) Applications to participate in the ~~multi-year~~ conservation permit program will be accepted on a three-year application cycle uniformly applicable to all conservation organizations.

(b) A conservation organization wishing to apply for ~~multi-year~~ conservation permits must submit a complete application to the division by August 15 of third year of the application cycle.

~~(c) Conservation organizations wishing to apply for one-year conservation permits must do so by August 15 annually.]~~

~~(d)] Only one application per conservation organization may be submitted.~~

~~(e)d) Multiple chapters of the same conservation organization may not apply individually.~~

~~[(f) Conservation organizations may apply for single-year conservation permits or multi-year conservation permits. They may not apply for both types of conservation permits.]~~

(2) Each application must include:

(a) the name, address and telephone number of the conservation organization;

(b) a copy of the conservation organization's mission statement;

(c) verification of the conservation organization's tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended; and

(d) the name of the president or other individual responsible for the administrative operations of the conservation organization;

~~[(3) If applying for single year conservation permits, a conservation organization must also include in its application:]~~

~~[(a) the proposed bid amount for each permit requested. The proposed bid amount is the revenue the organization anticipates will be raised from auctioning a permit;]~~

~~[(b) certification that there are no conflicts of interest or collusion in submitting bids, as prohibited in R657-41-4(3);]~~

~~[(c) acknowledgement that the conservation organization recognizes that falsely certifying the absence of collusion may result in cancellation of permits, administrative action under R657-41-13, disqualification from bidding for five years or more, or the filing of criminal charges; and]~~

~~[(d)]~~

(e) evidence that the application and bid has been approved by the board of directors or other necessary authority from the bidding conservation organization; and

(f) a certification from the applicant that they have not consulted with any other participating conservation organization regarding the conservation permits they intend to acquire.

[4]3 An application that is incomplete or completed incorrectly may be rejected.

[5]4 The application of a conservation organization for conservation permits may be denied by the division for:

(a) failing to fully and accurately report on the preceding year's conservation permits;

(b) violating any provision of this rule, Title 23 of the Utah Code, Title R657 of the Utah Administrative Code, a division guidebook, or an order of the Wildlife Board; or

(c) violating any other law that bears a reasonable relationship to the applicant's ability to responsibly and lawfully handle conservation permits pursuant to this rule.

[6]5 Application denials may be appealed to the ~~[division director]~~[Division Director](#) prior to the permit selection process described in R657-41-7.

R657-41-6. [~~Awarding Single Year~~Approving New Conservation Permits]Organizations for the Program.

(1)~~[The division shall recommend the conservation organization to receive each single year]~~[\(a\) New applicants to the conservation permit \[based on:\]program shall follow the same three-year application cycle established in R657-41-5\(1\).](#)

~~[(a)(i) the bid amount pledged to the species; and]~~

~~[(ii) the bid amount pledged to the species, adjusted, when applicable, by:(A) the performance of the organization over the previous two years in meeting proposed bids;]~~

~~[(B) 90% of the bid amount; and]~~

~~[(C) the organizations maintaining a minimum two-year average performance of 70% to be eligible for consideration of permits. Performance of the organization is the proportion of the total revenue generated from permit sales, divided by 90% of the bid amount for all permits, calculated annually and averaged for the last two years.]~~

~~[(b)]~~

(b) If multiple new conservation organizations submit valid applications during a single three-year application cycle:

(i) a maximum of two new organizations will be selected; and

~~(ii) [If two or more conservation organizations are tied using the criteria in Subsection (a), the following factors may be used to award the single year-conservation permit:]~~

~~[(i) closeness of the organization's purpose to the species of the permit; and]~~

~~[(ii) geographic closeness of the organization to the location of the permit.]~~

~~[(2)(a) Between the time the division recommends that a conservation permit be awarded to a conservation organization and the time the Wildlife Board approves that recommendation, a conservation organization may withdraw the application for any given permit and assign it to or exchange it with another conservation organization-eligible to receive the permit without penalty, provided the bid amount upon which the permit application was evaluated is not changed.]~~

~~[(b) If a conservation organization withdraws its bid for a conservation permit after being selected by the division to receive it, and the bid is awarded to another organization at a lower amount, the difference between the two bids will be subtracted from the organization making the higher bid for purposes of evaluating organization performance.]~~

~~[(3) The Wildlife Board shall make the final assignment of conservation permits.]~~

~~[(4) The Wildlife Board may authorize a conservation permit to a conservation organization other than the one recommended by the division, after considering the:]~~

~~[(a) division recommendation;~~

~~]~~

~~[(b) benefit to the species;]~~

[(e) conservation organizations will be selected based upon an evaluation of their historical [contribution of the organization] contributions to [the-]conservation [of wildlife] permit species in Utah[;].

(2)(a) Conservation organizations accepted into the conservation permit program for the first time will be awarded 0.5% in market share, as determined in R657-41-7.

(b) Market share awarded to new applicants will be drawn from each participating conservation organizations' market share in proportion to that organization's total market share.

(c) Newly accepted conservation organizations shall participate in the first three-year term on a probationary status.

(d) [previous performance of the-] During their probationary term, a conservation organization must:

(i) sell all conservation permits each year at a hunt-related banquet or through an online auction with prior division approval;[-and]

~~[(e) overall viability and integrity of the]~~

(ii) diligently advertise and market each permit opportunity;

(iii) maintain a minimum of 75% or the originally awarded market share at the end of the three-year term; and

(iv) complete all mandatory reporting for auditing purposes.

(e) The division may deny an application from a conservation organization based upon their failure to meet the probationary requirements.

(f) Application denials may be appealed to the Division Director prior to the permit selection process described in R657-41-7.

(3)(a) A conservation organization that was once a program participant, but left the program while in good standing, may be reinstated during the three-year permitting cycle immediately following their departure from the program with the full market share the conservation permit organization had at the time they left the program.

(b) A conservation organization reentering the program under the provisions of (3)(a):

(i) will receive market share drawn from each participating conservation ~~permit program.~~

~~[(5) The total of all bids for permits awarded to any one] organization [shall not exceed \$20,000 the first year an organization receives permits.]~~

~~[(6) The number of permits awarded to any one organization shall not increase by more than 100% from the previous year.]~~ in proportion to that organization's market share; and

(ii) may reenter the program regardless of the number of applications accepted from new conservation organizations under R657-41-1(b).

R657-41-7[~~-~~]. Awarding [~~Multi-Year~~] Conservation Permits.

(1)(a) Distribution of ~~multi-year~~ conservation permits will be based on a sequential selection process where each eligible conservation organization is assigned a position or positions in the selection order among the other participating organizations and awarded credits with which to purchase ~~multi-year~~ permits at an assigned value.

(b) Conservation organizations may not consult or coordinate with other conservation organizations regarding which conservation permits they intend to acquire prior to the permit selection process.

(2) [~~Multi-year permits~~] Permits will be awarded to eligible conservation organizations for no more than three years.

(3) The division will determine the number of permits available ~~as multi-year permits after subtracting the proposed number of single year permits~~.

(a) Season types for ~~multi-year~~ area conservation permits for elk on any given hunt unit will be designated and assigned in the following order:

- (i) first permit -- multi-season;
- (ii) second permit -- any-weapon;
- (iii) third permit -- any-weapon;
- (iv) fourth permit -- archery;
- (v) fifth permit -- muzzleloader;
- (vi) sixth permit -- multi-season;
- (vii) seventh permit -- any-weapon; and
- (viii) eighth permit -- any-weapon.

(b) Season types for ~~multi-year~~ area conservation permits for deer on any given hunt unit will be designated and assigned in the following order:

- (i) first permit ~~[-]~~ hunter's choice of season;
- (ii) second permit ~~[-]~~ hunter's choice of season;
- (iii) third permit -- muzzleloader;

- (iv) fourth permit -- archery;
- (v) fifth permit -- any-weapon;
- (vi) sixth permit -- any-weapon;
- (vii) seventh permit -- muzzleloader; and
- (viii) eighth permit -- archery.

(c) Notwithstanding the availability of multiple seasons, an any-weapon permit opportunity offered in Subsections (3)(a) and (b) is restricted to a single season, which the recipient of the permit must designate prior to receiving the permit.

(4) The division will assign a credit amount for each [~~multi-year~~] permit based on the average return for the permit during the previous three-year period. If a history is not available, the value will be estimated.

(5) The division will calculate the market total for the permit draft by summing all credit amounts from available conservation permits.

(6)(a) The division will calculate a market share for each eligible conservation organization applying for [~~multi-year~~] permits.

(b) Market share will be calculated and determined based on:

(i) the conservation organization's previous three years performance;

(ii) all conservation permits [~~(single and multi-year)~~] issued to a conservation organization;

(iii) the percent of conservation permit revenue raised by a conservation organization during the three-year period relative to all conservation permit revenue raised during the same period by all conservation organizations applying for [~~multi-year~~] conservation permits.

(7) The division will determine the credits available to spend by each group in the selection process based on their market share multiplied by the market total [~~annual value of all multi-year permits~~].

(8)(a) If substantial changes to a hunt boundary or season date of a conservation permit occur during its three-year term, the division may cancel the permit for the remainder of the three-year term and assign an average sales price using prices from prior years within its three-year term.

(~~8~~)b) If minor changes to a hunt boundary or season date of a conservation permit occur during its three-year term, the division may:

(i) cancel the permit for the remainder of the three-year term and assign a sales price under Section (8)(a); or

(ii) allow the conservation organization to sell the permit for the remainder of the three-year term.

(9) The division will establish a selection order for the participating conservation organizations based on the relative value of each groups market share as follows:

- (a) groups will be ordered based on their percent of market share;
- (b) each selection position will cost a group 10% of the total market share except the last selection by a group will cost whatever percent a group has remaining;
- (c) no group can have more than three positions in the selection order; and
- (d) the selection order will be established as follows:
 - (i) the group with the highest market share will be assigned the first position and 10% will be subtracted from their total market share;
 - (ii) the group with the highest remaining market share will be assigned the second position and 10% will be subtracted from their market share; and

(iii) this procedure will continue until all groups have three positions or their market share is exhausted.

~~(9)~~¹⁰ At least one week prior to the [~~multi-year~~] permit selection meeting, the division will provide each conservation organization applying for [~~multi-year~~] permits the following items:

- (a) a list of [~~multi-year~~] permits available with assigned value;
- (b) documentation of the calculation of market share;
- (c) credits available to each conservation group to use in the selection process;
- (d) the selection order; and
- (e) date, time and location of the selection meeting.

~~[(10) Between establishing the selection order and the selection meeting, groups may trade or assign selection positions, but once the selection meeting begins selection order cannot be changed.]~~

(11) At the selection meeting, conservation organizations will select permits from the available pool according to their respective positions in the selection order. For each permit selected, the value of that permit will be deducted from the conservation organization's available credits. The selection order will repeat itself until all available credits are used or all available permits are selected.

(12) Conservation organizations may continue to select a single permit each time their turn comes up in the selection order until all available credits are used or all available permits are selected.

(13) A conservation organization may not exceed its available credits, except a group may select their last permit for up to 10% of the permit credit amount above their remaining credits.

~~[(14) Upon completion of the selection process, but prior to the Wildlife Board meeting where the final assignment of permits is made, conservation organizations may trade or assign permits to other conservation organizations eligible to receive multi-year permits. The group receiving a permit retains the permit for the purposes of marketing and determination of market share for the entire multi-year period.]~~

~~[(15)]~~ Variances for an extended season or legal weapon choice may be obtained only on area conservation permits and must be presented to the Wildlife Board prior to the final assignment of the permit to the conservation organization.

~~[(16)]~~¹⁵ Conservation organizations may not trade or transfer [~~multi-year~~] permits to other organizations once assigned by the Wildlife Board.

~~[(17)]~~¹⁶ Conservation organizations failing to comply with the reporting requirements in any given year during the [~~multi-year~~] period may lose the [~~multi-year~~] conservation permits for the balance of the [~~multi-year~~] award period.

~~[(18)]~~¹⁷ If a conservation organization is unable to complete the terms of auctioning or otherwise selling assigned permits, the permits will be returned to the regular public drawing process for the duration of the [~~multi-year~~] allocation period.

R657-41-8. Distributing Conservation Permits.

(1) The division and conservation organization receiving permits shall enter into a contract.

(2)(a) Conservation organizations receiving the opportunity to distribute permits must ensure the permit opportunities are marketed, auctioned, and distributed by lawful means.

(b) Conservation permit vouchers may not be purchased or redeemed by officers, agents, directors or employees of a conservation permit organization unless:

(i) the voucher was sold at an in-person banquet or fundraiser hosted by the conservation organization;

(ii) the sale was administered by an auctioneer; and

(iii) the sales process was administered in a manner so as to secure fair market value for the voucher.

(3)(a) The conservation organization must:

(i) obtain the following information at the time of sale:

(A) full name of the successful bidder;

(B) date the permit opportunity is auctioned; and

(C) winning bid amount for that permit opportunity;

(ii) submit the information required in Subsection (3)(a)(i) to the division within 10 days of the event where the permit opportunity is auctioned to the highest bidder; and

(iii) identify the individual who is authorized to redeem the conservation permit voucher and submit it to the division prior to the individual attempting to redeeming the voucher.

(b) The division will not issue a conservation permit unless required information about the winning bidder and authorized recipient of the voucher is first received by the division.

(c)(i) an absentee bidder may only use an agent or representative to bid on a conservation permit opportunity on their behalf if authorized by the conservation organization.

(ii) A winning bid offered by an agent or representative on behalf of an absentee bidder legally obligates the absentee bidder to satisfy the bid obligation submitted by the representative.

(iii) For the purposes of this rule, an absentee bidder is considered the successful bidder when the winning bid is offered by their agent or representative.

(4) If the successful bidder or a person designated by the successful bidder to receive a conservation permit voucher fails to pay the conservation organization the winning bid amount that secured the permit opportunity, the conservation organization may remarket the permit opportunity using any legal means and designate another person to receive the permit opportunity.

(5)(a) If, for any reason, the successful bidder elects not to personally use a conservation permit opportunity, they may assign that opportunity to another person, provided:

(i) the conservation organization is notified of the assignment;

(ii) the original winning bid amount for the permit opportunity is received in full by the conservation organization and not decreased;

(iii) the conservation organization handles and otherwise uses the entire winning bid amount consistent with the requirements in Section R657-41-9; ~~and~~

(iv) the successful bidder executes an affidavit verifying they are not profiting from the assignment~~[-]; and~~

(~~[A]v~~) [~~For purposes of Subsection (iv), "profiting" does not include a reasonable fee~~] the successful bidder separates all fees for guiding services [~~provided in conjunction~~]from any transaction associated with assigning the [~~assigned~~] permit opportunity.

(b) If a person assigned a permit opportunity by the successful bidder or a person possessing a permit voucher is unable to use the permit opportunity for any reason, including obtaining another Utah permit for the same species, the conservation organization may remarket the permit opportunity using any legal means and designate another person to receive the opportunity, provided:

(i) the conservation organization selects the new recipient of the permit opportunity;

(ii) the amount of money received by the division for the permit opportunity is not decreased;

(iii) the conservation organization relinquishes to the division and otherwise uses all proceeds generated from the re-designated permit opportunity consistent with the requirements in Section R657-41-9;

(iv) the conservation organization and the holder of the permit opportunity execute an affidavit verifying neither is profiting from transferring the right to the permit; and

(v) the permit has not been issued by the division to the first designated person.

(6)(a) Except as otherwise provided under Subsections (4) and (5), neither the conservation organization, successful bidder, successful bidder's assignee, nor the holder of a conservation permit voucher may offer for sale, sell, or transfer the rights to that designation to any other person.

(7) A person cannot obtain more than one conservation permit for a single conservation permit species per year, except:

(a) two elk permits may be obtained, provided one or both are antlerless permits; and

(b) turkey.

(c) A person may obtain both a desert bighorn ram permit and rocky mountain bighorn ram conservation permit in a single year.

(8) The person designated on a conservation permit voucher must possess or obtain a current Utah hunting or combination license to redeem the voucher for the corresponding conservation permit.

R657-41-9. Conservation Permit Funds and Reporting.

(1) All permits must be auctioned or distributed by August 15, annually.

(2) Within 30 days of the last event, but no later than August 15 annually, the conservation organization must submit to the division:

(a) a final report on the distribution of permits;

(b) the total funds raised on each permit; and

(c) the funds due to the division.

(3)(a) Conservation permits shall not be issued to a person possessing a conservation permit voucher unless the person redeeming the voucher:

(i) possesses a valid Utah hunting or combination license;

(ii) remits to the division the applicable permit fee; and

(iii) is otherwise legally eligible to possess the particular hunting permit.

(b) If the conservation organization is paying the permit fees for the permit recipient, the fees must be paid from the 10% retained by the conservation organization as provided in Subsection (5)(a).

(4)(a) Conservation organizations shall remit to the division by August 15 of each year 30% of the total revenue generated by conservation permit sales in that year.

(b) The permit revenue payable to the division under Subsection (4)(a), is the property of the division and may not be used by conservation organizations for projects or any other purpose.

(c) The permit revenue must be placed in a federally insured account promptly upon receipt and remain in the account until remitted to the division on or before August 15 of each year.

(d) The permit revenue payable to the division under this subsection shall not be used by the conservation organization as collateral or commingled in the same account with the organization's operation and administration funds, so that the separate identity of the permit revenue is not lost.

(e) Failure to remit 30% of the total permit revenue to the division by the August 15 deadline may result in criminal prosecution under Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 4 of the Utah Code, and may further disqualify the conservation organization from obtaining any future conservation permits.

(5) A conservation organization may retain 70% of the permit revenue generated from auctioning conservation permits, as follows:

(a) 10% of the permit revenue may be withheld and used by the conservation organization for administrative expenses.

(b) 60% of the permit revenue and accrued interest, excluding standard banking fees assessed on the account where the permit revenue is deposited, may be retained and used by the conservation organization only for eligible projects, as provided in Subsections (i) through (xii).

(i) Eligible projects include habitat improvement, habitat acquisition, transplants, targeted education efforts and other projects providing a substantial benefit to species of wildlife for which conservation permits are issued, unless the division and conservation organization mutually agree in writing that there is a higher priority use for other species of protected wildlife.

(ii) Retained revenue shall not be committed to or expended on any eligible project without first obtaining the division director's written concurrence.

(iii) Retained revenue shall not be used on any project that does not provide a substantial and direct benefit to conservation permit species or other protected wildlife located in Utah.

(iv) For direct purchases, the division may require conservation organizations to engage in a competitive bid process or otherwise document benefits to a conservation permit species as a prerequisite to division approval.

(v) Cash donations to the Wildlife Habitat Account created under Section 23-19-43, Division Species Enhancement Funds, or the Conservation Permit Fund shall be considered an eligible project and do not require the division director's approval, provided the donation is made with instructions that it be used for species of wildlife for which conservation permits are issued.

(vi) Funds committed to approved, division projects will be transferred to the division within 60 days of being invoiced by the division. (vii) If the division-approved

project to which funds are committed is completed under projected budget or is canceled, funds committed to the project that are not used will be kept by the division and credited back to the conservation organization but will be made available for the group to use on other approved projects during the current or subsequent year.

(viii) Retained revenue shall not be used on any project that is inconsistent with division policy, including feeding programs, depredation management, or predator control.

(ix) Retained revenue under this subsection must be placed in a federally insured account. All interest revenue earned thereon must be accounted for and used consistent with the requirements of this subsection.

(x) Retained revenue shall not be used by the conservation organization as collateral or commingled in the same account with the organization's operation and administration funds, so that the separate identity of the retained revenue is not lost.

(xi) Retained revenue must be completely expended on approved eligible projects or transferred to the division by August 15, two years following the year in which the relevant conservation permits are awarded to the conservation organization by the Wildlife Board. Failure to expend or transfer to the division retained revenue by the August 15 deadline will disqualify the conservation organization from obtaining any future conservation permits until the unspent retained revenue is expended on an approved eligible project or transferred to the division.

(xii) All records and receipts for projects under this subsection must be retained by the conservation organization for a period not less than five years, and shall be produced to the division for inspection upon request.

(6)(a) Conservation organizations accepting permits shall be subject to annual audits on project expenditures and conservation permit accounts.

(b) The division shall perform annual audits on project expenditures and conservation permit accounts.

R657-41-10. Obtaining Sportsman Permits.

(1) One sportsman permit is offered to residents through a drawing for each of the following species:

- (a) desert bighorn (ram);
- (b) bison (hunter's choice);
- (c) buck deer;
- (d) bull elk;
- (e) Rocky Mountain bighorn (ram);
- (f) mountain goat (hunter's choice);
- (g) bull moose;
- (h) buck pronghorn;
- (i) black bear;
- (j) cougar; and
- (k) wild turkey.

(2) The following information on sportsman permits is provided in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking protected wildlife:

- (a) hunt dates;
- (b) open units or hunt areas;
- (c) application procedures;

- (d) fees; and
- (e) deadlines.

(3) A person must possess or obtain a current Utah hunting or combination license to apply for or obtain a sportsman permit.

R657-41-11. Using a Conservation or Sportsman Permit.

(1)(a) A conservation or sportsman permit allows the recipient to take only one individual of the species for which the permit is issued, except a statewide turkey conservation or sportsman permit allows the holder to take two turkeys.

(b) The species that may be taken shall be printed on the permit.

(c) The species may be taken in the area and during the season specified on the permit.

(d) The species may be taken only with the weapon specified on the permit.

(2) The recipient of a conservation or sportsman permit is subject to all the provisions of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code, and the rules and guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing wildlife.

(3) Bonus points shall not be awarded or utilized:

(a) when applying for conservation or sportsman permits; or

(b) in obtaining conservation or sportsman permits.

(4) Any person who obtains a conservation or sportsman permit is subject to applicable waiting periods for purposes of obtaining a permit for the same species through a division drawing, as provided in Rules R657-62.

R657-41-12. Special Antelope Island State Park Hunting Permits.

(1)(a) The Wildlife Board may authorize a hunt for bighorn sheep and buck mule deer on Antelope Island State Park, with one or more permits made available for each species and designated as Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits and an equal number of permits for each species made available as Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits.

(b) The division and the Division of Parks and Recreation, through their respective policy boards, will enter into a cooperative agreement for purposes of establishing:

(i) the number of permits issued annually for bighorn sheep and buck mule deer hunts on Antelope Island;

(ii) season dates for each hunt;

(iii) procedures and regulations applicable to hunting on Antelope Island;

(iv) protocols for issuing permits and conducting hunts for antlerless deer on Antelope Island when populations require management; and

(v) procedures and conditions for transferring Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit revenue to the Division of Parks and Recreation.

(c) The cooperative agreement governing bighorn sheep and mule deer hunting on Antelope Island and any subsequent amendment thereto shall be presented to the Wildlife Board and the Parks Board for approval prior to holding a drawing or issuing hunting permits.

(2)(a) Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits will be issued by the division through its annual bucks, bulls, and once-in-a-lifetime drawing.

(i) The mule deer Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit is a premium limited entry buck deer permit and subject to the regulations governing such permits, as provided in this rule, R657-5, and R657-62.

(ii) The bighorn sheep Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit is a once-in-a-lifetime Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit and subject to the regulations governing such permits, as provided in this rule, R657-5, and R657-62.

(b) To apply for a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit, the applicant must:

(i) pay the prescribed application handling fee;

(ii) possess a current Utah hunting license or combination license;

(iii) not be subject to a waiting period under R657-62 for the species of wildlife applied for; and

(iv) otherwise be eligible to hunt the species of wildlife designated on the application;

(c) A person that obtains a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit:

(i) must pay the applicable permit fee;

(ii) may take only one animal of the species and gender designated on the permit;

(iii) may hunt only with the weapon and during the season prescribed on the permit;

(iv) may hunt the specified species within the areas of Antelope Island designated open by the Wildlife Board and the rules and regulations of the Division of Parks and Recreation; and

(v) is subject to the:

(A) provisions of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code, and the rules and guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing wildlife; and

(B) statutes, rules, and regulations of the Division of Parks and Recreation for hunting on Antelope Island.

(d) Bonus points are awarded and utilized in applying for and obtaining a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit.

(e) A person who has obtained a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit is subject to all waiting periods applicable to the particular species, as provided in R657-62.

(f) A person cannot obtain a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit for a bighorn sheep or mule deer and any other permit for a male animal of the same species in the same year.

(3) Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits will be provided to the conservation group awarded the wildlife expo permit series, as provided in R657-55, for auction to the highest bidder at the wildlife exposition.

(a) The division and conservation organization receiving authority to auction Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits shall enter into a contract.

(b) The conservation organization receiving authority to auction the opportunity for Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits must insure the permits are marketed and distributed by lawful means.

(4)(a) When auctioning the Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits, the conservation organization must:

(i) obtain the following information:
(A) full name of the successful bidder;
(B) date of the event where the permit opportunity is auctioned; and
(C) winning bid amount for that permit opportunity; and
(ii) submit the information required in Subsection (4)(a)(i) to the division within 10 days of the event where the permit opportunity is auctioned to the highest bidder; and
(iii) identify the individual who is authorized to redeem the conservation permit voucher and submit it to the division prior to the individual attempting to redeeming the voucher.

(b) The division will not issue a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit unless information on the winning bidder and authorized recipient of the voucher is first received by the division.

(c)(i) an absentee bidder may only use an agent or representative to bid on a conservation permit opportunity on their behalf if authorized by the conservation organization.

(ii) A winning bid offered by an agent or representative on behalf of an absentee bidder legally obligates the absentee bidder to satisfy the bid obligation submitted by the representative.

(iii) For the purposes of this rule, an absentee bidder is considered the successful bidder when the winning bid is offered by their agent or representative.

(5) If the successful bidder or the person designated by a successful bidder to receive a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit fails to pay the conservation organization the winning bid amount, the conservation organization may remarket the permit opportunity using any legal means and designate another person to receive the permit opportunity.

(6)(a) If, for any reason, the successful bidder elects not to personally use a Special Antelope Island State Park Permit opportunity, they may assign that opportunity to another person, provided:

(i) the conservation organization is notified of the assignment;
(ii) the original winning bid amount for the permit opportunity is received in full by the conservation organization and not decreased;
(iii) the conservation organization handles and otherwise uses the entire winning bid amount consistent with the requirements in Subsection (9); and
(iv) the successful bidder executes an affidavit verifying they are not profiting from the assignment.

(A) For purposes of Subsection (iv), "profiting" does not include a reasonable fee for guiding services provided in conjunction with the assigned permit opportunity.

(b) If a person assigned a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit opportunity by the successful bidder or a person possessing the permit voucher is unable to use the permit opportunity for any reason, including obtaining another Utah permit for the same species, the conservation organization may remarket the permit opportunity using any legal means and designate another person to receive the opportunity, provided:

(i) the conservation organization selects the new recipient of the permit opportunity;
(ii) the amount of money received by the division for the permit opportunity is not decreased;

(iii) the conservation organization relinquishes to the division all proceeds generated from the re-designated permit, as provided in Subsection (9);

(iv) the conservation organization and the holder of the permit opportunity execute an affidavit verifying neither is profiting from transferring the right to the permit; and

(v) the permit has not been issued by the division to the first designated person.

(7) Within 30 days of the exposition, but no later than May 1 annually, the conservation organization must submit to the division:

(a) a final report on the distribution of the Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits;

(b) the total funds raised on each permit; and

(c) the funds due to the division.

(8)(a) Permits shall not be issued until the applicable permit fees are paid to the division.

(b) If the conservation organization is paying the permit fees for the permit recipient, the fees must be paid from the 10% retained by the conservation organization as provided in Subsection (9)(b).

(9)(a)(i) Conservation organizations shall remit to the division 90% of the total revenue generated by the Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit sales in that year.

(ii) Failure to remit 90% of the total permit revenue to the division by the August 15 deadline may result in criminal prosecution under Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 4 of the Utah Code.

(b) A conservation organization may retain 10% of the revenue generated by the permits for administrative expenses.

(c) Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits will be issued under this section and will not be limited by the requirements of R657-41-3 through R657-41-8.

(d) Upon receipt of the permit revenue from the conservation organization, the division will transfer the revenue to the Division of Parks and Recreation, as provided in the cooperative agreement under Subsection (1)(b) between the two divisions.

(10)(a) Except as otherwise provided under Subsections (5) and (6), neither the conservation organization, successful bidder, successful bidder's assignee, nor the holder of a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit voucher may offer for sale, sell, or transfer the rights to that designation to any other person.

(b) A person cannot obtain a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit for a bighorn sheep or mule deer and any other permit for a male animal of the same species in the same year.

(c) The person designated to receive a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit must possess or obtain a current Utah hunting or combination license before being issued the permit.

R657-41-13. Failure to Comply.

(1) The division or the Wildlife Board may suspend or revoke a conservation organization's participation in the Conservation Permit Program if a principal or agent of a participating conservation organization:

(a) violated any provision of this rule or a provision of the Utah Criminal Code cited

herein; or

(b) engaged in conduct that results in the conviction of, a plea of no contest to, or a plea held in abeyance to a crime of moral turpitude, or any other crime that when considered with the functions and responsibilities of a participating conservation organization bears a reasonable relationship to their participation in the program.

(2) The procedures and rules governing any adverse action taken by the division or the Wildlife Board against a certificate of registration or an application for certificate of registration are set forth in Rule R657-2.

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